

# The Iron Age

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### The Manufacture of Tin Plate.

The processes employed in the manufacture of tin plates are pretty well known to the readers of this journal from previously published descriptions, but as we have obtained two interesting engravings from Europe, showing the manner of heating and tinning the plates as practiced in the Welsh tin plate works, a few facts respecting their manufacture may not be uninteresting:

The bars of charcoal to be made into sheets are cut to the required sizes, brought to a cherry-red heat in a reverberatory furnace, rolled out to a certain length by gauge, "doubled" and returned to the furnace, rerolled, again doubled, heated and reheated. The several foldings of the sheets adhere slightly. After the sheets are cut down to size for tinning they are separated from each other by what is called opening. During the process of opening "stickers" and imperfect plates are thrown out, and the passed sheets then go into the "pickling room." There they are put into a hot pickle of dilute sulphuric acid, to be cleansed from oxidized and silicious matters, and undergo another rough examination in the "scouring process;" that is, any plate not cleansed is rubbed with sand and water. Defective sheets are again thrown out, and the sheets or plates are now passed into the annealing room.

#### ANNEALING.

The annealing furnace is a large reverberatory furnace capable of holding several annealing pots. The pot is composed of a stand of sufficient size to take the sheets, with a raised rim. Several hundred sheets are piled on the stand and a square, box shaped cast pot completes the pot. This is inverted over the sheets, and the space between the rim of the stand and the rim of the inverted pot is filled with oxide of iron, to lute it down and exclude the air. The pots are then put into the furnace until it is full, and the whole brought up to a cherry red heat, or a little beyond. About eight hours are necessary for its perfect saturation by the heat. When removed from the surface they are slowly cooled in a place free from draft, and then the pots are opened. The plates never lie perfectly flat, and should be of a dark straw color at the edges. If the air should get in in small quantities a deep blue color will cover the sheets more or less. The plates adhere slightly, are again separated, and ready for the second pickling room. The plates are then submitted to a hot, but more dilute, pickle of sulphuric acid, and again chemically cleansed; taken from the acid bath, they are well washed in running water, and kept in clean water until the tinman is ready for them.

#### TINNING.

The tinman takes the plates from the water bath (where they lie some hours) and plunges them into a bath of hot palm oil called the "grease pot." When they have acquired the temperature of the grease pot, they are removed with tongs and quickly submerged in a bath of tin. The oil mixed with the water from the plates floats at the top, forming a flux to cover the melted tin and prevent oxidation.

is at the side, or head of the pot. The waste metal and grease run back into the pot, the slab being inclined. The workman then takes up sheet by sheet in the tongs, and dips each into another bath of fine metal kept at a heat little over melting point, immediately withdraws it, and places it in a rack immersed in a large pot of melted palm oil kept at the proper temperature,

feet sheets are sold as "wasters" at a less price; the sheets are counted, and the box of one cwt. is composed of 225 sheets of 14x10.

#### New Iron Clads.

The new British iron-clad, *Inflexible*, which is to be what all her predecessors have been in

building in England for the German government, and known as *The Kaiser*, was launched on the 19th ult. The hull was laid in May, 1872, and she will be ready for sea in June next. Her length between perpendiculars is 280 feet, her breadth of beam 62 feet 8 in., her tonnage, according to builders' measure, 5063 tons, her displacement 7000 tons, and she will steam at

there runs an armor belt from 8 to 10 inches thick, with a teak backing of similar strength, while the upper and main deck beams are completely covered with steel plating. So much for her defensive powers. For her powers of attack she carries on her main deck an armored battery of eight 22 ton steel breech-loading guns arranged to fire broadside, the two foremost guns, one on each side, being also adapted for use as bow chasers, and capable of being trained to cross fire before the vessel, while the two after guns can be trained to fire within 15 degrees of the line of the keel. In addition to these there will be another similar gun of 18 tons placed aft, also protected with armor plates on a teak backing, and capable of being trained to an angle of 15 degrees each side of the middle line, thus making, with the guns of the central battery, a complete all round fire.

#### The New Iron Fortifications for Germany.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says:

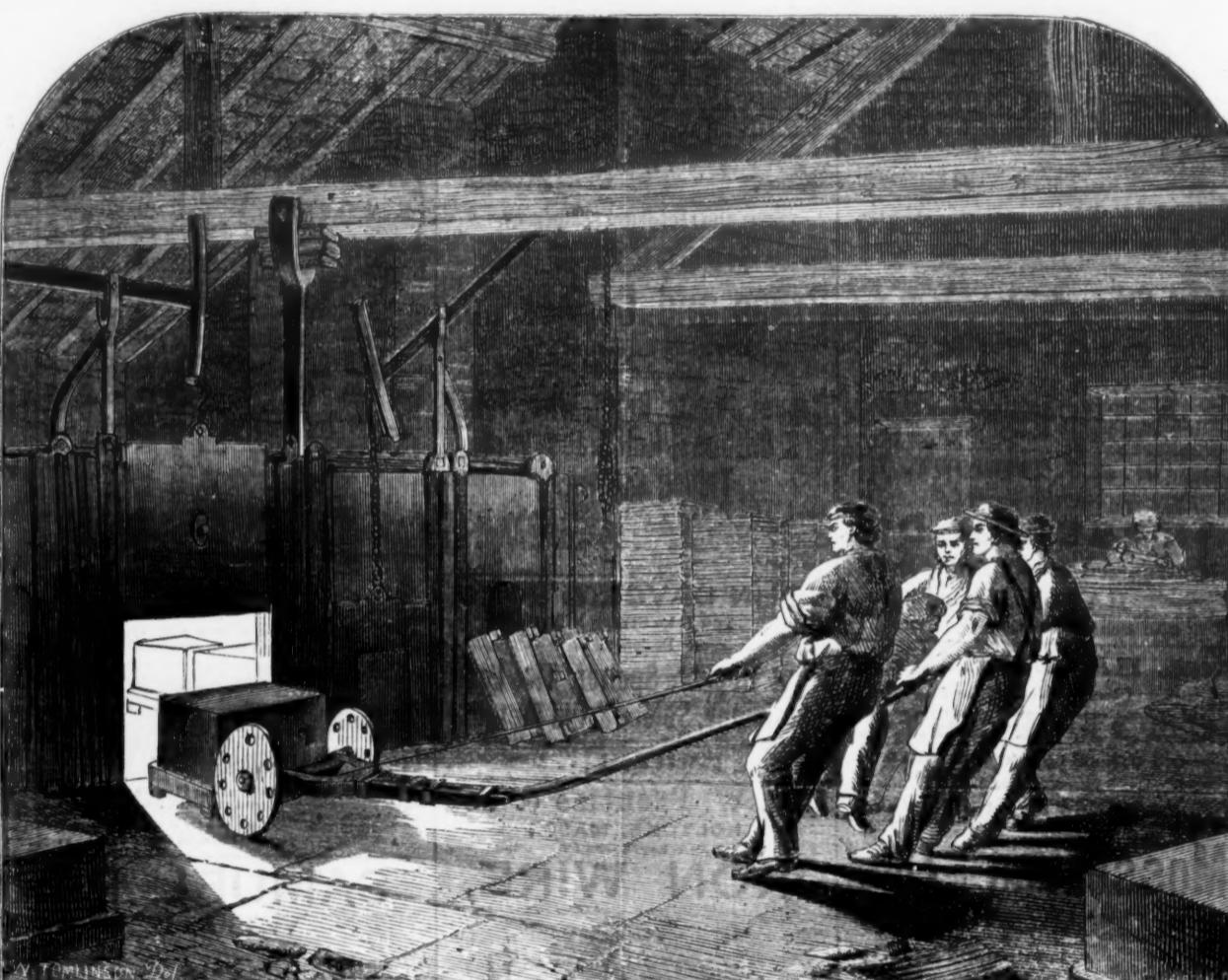
The drilled cast iron gun stands and iron clad revolving turrets, which have since 1869 been completely tested in a series of experiments on the great artillery shooting ground at Tegel, will now be used for the new works to be begun in the German fortresses.

Two of these turrets will maintain a secure communication between the forts of St. Quintin and St. Privat at Metz, and two of the flank works which will be attached to these forts, so as to command the valleys of the Moselle and the Seille, will probably be made in the form of the gun stands above referred to. All the iron for these fortifications can be cast on the spot, of any required thickness, in foundries specially erected for the purpose.

Each of the works will be constructed with a few huge plates, which will fit into one another by means of joints made in the casting. The gun stands are each made to hold one gun only, but a number of them may, if necessary, be placed side by side, and they may be connected so as to form a single work. The embrasures are made so small as to prevent the entrance of any projectile fired at them, and the whole is protected by an earthwork with apertures to carry away the gas and diminish concussion.

During the trials of 1869 seven shots from a 300 pounder (the 24 centimetre gun) hit the plate of a gun stand of this kind without disabling it for further use.

The *Troy Times* states that orders are still very slack in the mills, and that owing to the



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where they are allowed to remain a certain time. The sheets are then slowly lifted out of the grease by a boy, who separates them into proper lots by counting carefully, regulating the intervals of time between them. The grease recoils from the top plate, and, as little is left on the sheets, they are again placed on a rack in the open air to cool; when cool a lad takes each sheet in a tongs, and dips the lower edge into a small bath of melted tin, so regulated that the sheet can only enter to about the eighth of an inch. It is kept long enough to melt off the drops of metal which adhered to the lower edge, and when lifted the sheet is struck to throw off the superfluous metal from the edge. The plates are again put into a rack in the open air to cool; when cool a lad takes each sheet in a tongs, and dips the lower edge into a small bath of melted tin, so regulated that the sheet can only enter to about the eighth of an inch. 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**Silicon in Pig Iron.**

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The author was induced to make a few experiments upon the subject of this paper, by noticing that silicon was obtained in the insoluble residue when pig iron containing a large quantity of silicon was dissolved by dilute sulphuric acid *in vacuo*, instead of silicon, which might have been expected as the result of the decomposition of the pig iron under these conditions. This fact appeared to clearly point out that the theory of the silicon being *intimately mixed* with the pig iron was untenable, at least as regards this particular pig, which was a No. 1 Bessemer iron containing 4.612 per cent. of silicon, and was, therefore, not at all unlikely to contain silicon in admixture, if that element ever occurred in pig iron in such a condition. A considerable number of experiments were made with the view of ascertaining how far this conclusion was correct. Weighed quantities of the Bessemer pig iron were placed in sealed tubes with Nordhausen sulphuric acid, in atmospheres of carbon dioxide and hydrogen, and also *in vacuo*: the tubes were then heated in an air bath by two Bunsen burners for twenty-four hours, but in every case the silicon contained in the pig iron had been converted into silica, and a small quantity of sulphur dioxide formed in the tube, which occasioned sufficient pressure to blow the top off the tube when cracked with a file. On examining the insoluble residue from these experiments under the microscope, perfectly transparent crystals of silica were observed, interspersed with opaque pieces of the same substance. When these insoluble residues were treated with hydrofluoric acid, complete solution was effected. The next attempt to isolate the silicon in this pig iron was made by heating weighed quantities of the iron with an excess of pure iodine in sealed tubes, all air being first displaced by carbon dioxide, the same heating arrangement being used as in the sulphuric acid experiments. At the end of twenty-four hours, all iodine vapor having disappeared, one of the tubes was opened and the contents analyzed with the following results:

Iodine	76.432 per cent.
Iron	20.013 "
Silica	1.709 "
Carbon	0.759 "
	98.913

Directly the tube was cracked the pressure of gas blew the top off. The contents consisted of dull red lumps, the whole of the iron having been converted into ferrous iodide, as the above figures corresponds to the formula  $\text{FeI}_2$ . There can be little doubt but that the silica which was formed in this experiment was due to a slight decomposition of the carbon dioxide, with which the tube was filled, the greatest part of the silicon having been converted, in all probability, into an iodine compound; for, although iodine vapor is without action upon silicon under ordinary conditions, it is highly probable that when silicon in the nascent state is presented to iodine vapor, a compound of iodine and silicon may be formed. These results were confirmed by several other similar experiments. This pig iron was also carefully tested for graphitoidal silicon, by treating the iron with hydrofluoric acid; the insoluble residue was filtered off, and ignited to get rid of the carbon, when a mere trace of a dark powder remained, which proved to be iron. From these results it may fairly be concluded that the silicon contained in pig iron does not exist in a state of mechanical mixture, but exists combined with a portion of the iron as a silicide of iron, in the same manner that carbon exists as a carbide of iron, only differing from carbon so far as it does not exist in a graphitoidal pig iron. If the pig iron used had contained any uncombined silicon, it would have been found in the insoluble residue from the experiments with Nordhausen sulphuric acid and hydrofluoric acid, as it is insoluble in even the latter acid after having been strongly heated; and as any uncombined silicon must have been heated intensely in the blast furnace, there can be little doubt that, as a rule, pig iron does not contain any uncombined silicon.

The author then made the following experiments in order to ascertain whether or not the hypothesis of the combination of the silicon with the iron was correct: 0.1024 grm. of the Bessemer pig iron was placed in a platinum boat, which was then introduced into a porcelain tube. A current of carbon dioxide was passed through the tube to displace the air, after which pure dry hydrogen was passed through until all the carbon dioxide had been driven out. The portion of the tube which contained the boat was then heated for five hours to a very bright red heat in a Fletcher's gas furnace, the current of hydrogen being maintained until the tube was cold. The boat was then withdrawn and weighed, when it was found that a loss in weight of 0.003 grm. had taken place. The gas, as it left the apparatus, was passed through a wash bottle containing a weak solution of potash (prepared from alcohol); at the end of the experiment this solution was made acid with pure hydrochloric acid, evapored to dryness, and ignited, when an insoluble residue of silica was obtained which gave 0.34 per cent. of silicon on estimation. The iron in the boat (which, after its withdrawal from the tube, showed no sign of oxidation) was analyzed, with the following results:

Iron	92.018 per cent.
Silicon	4.130 "
Graph. carbon	1.622 "
	100.000

This shows that there was a loss of silicon to the amount of 0.482 per cent. The above experiment was repeated several times with al-

most identical results. It will be observed that the amount of silicon found in the caustic potash solution very nearly corresponds with the amount of loss of silicon sustained by the iron operated upon; thus, 4.130 per cent.  $\times$  0.344 per cent. = 4.474 per cent. silicon, instead of 4.612 per cent., the difference being 0.138 per cent. In the event of the silicon being in combination with the iron, the author calculated in the above experiment upon the reducing power of hydrogen being able to decompose the silicide of iron, with the formation of silicuretted hydrogen, which would be decomposed by the caustic potash solution; and this appears to have taken place. Possibly the temperature of molten iron is required to effect the decomposition of the whole of the silicide of iron, or else the attraction of iron for silicon is so strong as to defy, in great measure, the reducing power of hydrogen. This last hypothesis is by no means improbable when the high temperature of molten iron is taken into account; for the fact is pretty generally admitted that chemical affinities are frequently reversed in the presence of an intense temperature.

A sample of white pig iron containing a large quantity of silicon having been given to the author, he thought it might be interesting to ascertain whether hydrogen had the same effect upon the silicon contained in the white iron as it had upon that contained in the Bessemer iron used in the preceding experiments. 0.1420 grm. of the white iron was heated in the same apparatus, and under the same conditions that existed in the preceding experiments, for six hours at nearly a white heat. When cold the iron was analyzed, as was also the caustic potash solution, with the following results:

Iron	89.201 per cent.
Graph. carbon	4.269 "
Silicon	4.287 "
Undetermined	2.321 "
	100.000

The amount of silicon found in the caustic potash solution is 0.077 per cent. more than is required to account for the loss of silicon sustained by the iron used, which amount may be said to be within the limits of error of experiment.

The following table shows the amounts of loss of silicon sustained by the iron used in these experiments, and also the amounts of silicon found in the potash solutions:

Loss of Silicon	Silicon found in Potash Solution
Bessemer pig iron = 0.482 per cent.	0.344 per cent.
White	0.417 " 0.344 "

On comparing the results obtained from the two kinds of iron used, it is evident that the effect of hydrogen upon the silicide of iron is identically the same in both cases, and this has led the author to believe that the amount of silicon lost by the iron in each case is due to the silicide of iron containing an atom of non-saturated silicon, or, in other words, that the silicide of iron was super-saturated, and, consequently, the non-saturated atom of silicon united with the hydrogen, leaving a lower silicide of iron undecomposed. Whether this is the case or not can only be decided by treating samples of iron containing smaller quantities of silicon in the same manner, and observing whether there is any loss of silicon sustained by them. These, and other experiments upon this subject, the author hopes to communicate shortly.

Another curious point to be noted in the experiments with hydrogen is that a loss of graphic carbon has occurred both in the Bessemer and white iron, and the loss in each case is somewhat about the same amount. The author is at present unable to offer any definite explanation of this circumstance, except that the loss cannot be due to the action of oxygen, because, if that had been the case, an oxidation of the iron must have been apparent.

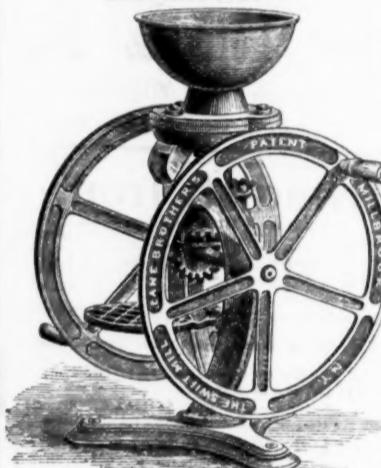
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We take from the records of the patent office at Washington the following specifications of certain patents lately issued, which will be found interesting:

**IMPROVEMENT IN BLAST FURNACE CHARGING APPARATUS.**

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 147,808, dated February 24, 1874, issued to Peter L. Weimar, of Lebanon, Pa.:

The drawing is a plan view of improvements applied to a smelting furnace.

The invention consists in improving the well-known air or gas lock bell and hopper charging device used in filling or charging iron smelting furnaces, in the following manner: First, in the combination with the crown, or top, of the well known gas lock bell and hopper charging device, which has charging passages through it, of a revolving plate constructed with a series of separated wings, or a perforated registering plate, which serves to cover the said passages, said wings or solid portions of the plate being united together in a central collar, or eye, of the covering plate, whereby the advantages of the revolving cover are secured, and the further advantage of having the flap covers to yield or rise whenever an undue pressure or an explosion occurs below the crown, or cover, and the furnace is endangered thereby, is obtained. Third, constructing the crown, or top, with narrow circular ridges and radial ribs on its outer surface, and also with an extended hollow tube, and fitting the said revolving cover upon centralizing bearing washers of the said hub, by means of a hollow capping collar, all in such manner that the cover is suspended and can be moved around with a small amount of force, and at the same time but little friction will be experienced. Fourth, in the combination of a rack and pinion and a speed controlling or regulating device with the loaded beam and the bell and hopper charging device of a smelting furnace. Fifth, in the combination of a hand-wheel, with stop-notches on its face, a stop-lever, a rack and pinion, a loaded beam, and a bell and hopper.

A is intended to represent the walls of an ordinary smelting furnace; B, its annular capping plate; C, the flaring charging hopper; D, the bell or conical sealing valve of said hopper; d, the connecting and suspending rod of the bell; and I, the loaded walking beam, to which said rod is hung. The bell C is covered with an arching crown or top, E, in which charging passages e are formed. This crown has circular and radial ribs e and a shouldered hub, e, formed upon it, as shown. F is a revolving cover, consisting of a central capping collar, h, and doors f, and a handle by which to turn it. The collar of this cover forms, with the shouldered hub, when the former is fitted around the latter, a chamber, g, and into this chamber supporting or suspending washers g, which may be slightly sprung, are arranged. These washers serve to center the cover with respect to the crown, and, when worn, can be readily replaced at small expense. The collar of the cover rests upon the washers, and by this means the covers and collar are barely allowed to come in contact with the ribbed surface of the crown E of the hopper; and, in case there is too much bearing upon the crown, a thin washer may be interposed to ease the cover slightly. The collar of the cover is fitted around the hub and washers loose enough to be revolved with small power, and as there is but little contact between the covers and the top of the hopper but little friction will be experienced. There is a hinged flap or door, f, to each passage into the hopper, and there is also a blank supporting surface between each pair of the hopper passages for the respective flaps to rest upon when the hopper passages are open. The hole in the hub e is made large enough to allow ample play to the suspension rod d of the bell D, but is closed at the top by a movable collar, d', which is nicely fitted on the rod d, and easily yields to all the motions of the said rod, while, by its own weight, it keeps the hole h continually closed, with its lower surface in contact with the collar and hub. The walking beam I has its support upon the standard J, fastened to the capping plate B, and the weight of the bell D and the rod d is overbalanced at the other end of the lever I by the weight, i, and, by this loaded end, this beam is connected to a vertical rack, L, by a connecting rod, K. The rack L gears with a pinion, which is on a shaft, N, which has a fly-wheel, N', on its outer end. The said fly wheel is provided with notches n on one of its faces, and into these notches a stop-lever, O, is made to catch, when desired, to stop the motion of the beam. This stop-lever is fastened to the standard P, which supports shaft N of the pinion M and fly-wheel N'. The rack, if desired, may be extended down in form of a piston rod, L'. The piston rod L' operates a piston, Q, and the said rod and piston are fitted to a cylinder, R, provided at the top and bottom with air cocks r, to regulate the entrance and exit of air, which may be used to form a cushion to prevent violent shocks or concussions in the operation of the heavy bell during the operation of charging the furnace. Instead of this air cushion, a friction brake may be used on the fly-wheel.

When the furnace is to be charged, the hopper C, which is closed above and below, is opened by turning the cover flaps f aside by

the aid of the handle. The charge is then thrown, through the exposed openings e, into the hopper C and on the bell D. The openings e are then closed by turning the cover flaps f backward. The weight of the charge, with the bell, overcomes the loaded end of the beam, and descends with its load, if the stop lever O is released from its notch of the wheel N, to which it is engaged. The charge sliding off the bell as soon as the opening between it and the hopper C permits has the effect of greatly moderating the acceleration of the descent of the bell, which, however, may be still further reduced by partly or wholly closing the upper cock, r, on the cylinder, R, and thereby confining the air, and effecting, by its resistance to the ascending piston, a very gradual termination of the said descent of the bell with its charge. The momentum of the descending bell being spent, the weight, i, tends to bring the bell, D, up again, and in this it may be assisted by the operator with a start of the wheel, N, backward. It is desirable to have these movements performed quickly. When the bell is nearly closing the hopper, the acceleration of its motion is counteracted by the compressed air in the lower part of the cylinder, R, which, by means of the air cock, r, may be so regulated as to cause the bell to close the hopper almost inaudibly. By opening the hopper, C, from above, it is immediately filled with atmospheric air, which, at the opening below, comes in contact with the gases of the furnace, and often forms explosive s

**Locks and Locksmiths of Ancient and Modern Times.**

A curious illustration, tending to bear out the truth of the dictum of the wisest of kings, that "There is nothing new under the sun," is the fact that it has lately been disclosed that locks with "sliders" and "tumblers" have, for many centuries been made in China, on the identical principles which have been "reinvented," so to speak, by modern English patentees. It is well known, also, that the Egyptians invented, and used in their houses a contrivance embodying all the principles of the modern tumbler lock, and which probably presented as serious an obstacle to the felonious attempts of the Theban, or Alexandrian burglar, as the late devices of Brahmag, Cotterill, Hobbs, or Yale do to those of the modern house-breaker.

If the time-honored maxim, "Love laughs at locksmiths," has, like the Spanish proverb, "Held good in every age and clime," the muscles of Cupid's chubby face must have been relaxed toward that particular class of craftsmen for a period not far short of forty centuries. The Egyptian locksmith was probably the first to excite the sly god's mirth. Next in order came the fabricator of the "doore fastenings of diverse colours, made of brass and ivory," of ancient Rome, followed by the maker of the still more elaborate serrure de Tabernacle, in the mediaeval age, immortalized in early Christian missals. The locksmith of the Celestial Empire then began to make his "strange in-

the edges. Angel forms, similarly wrought, surrounded the escutcheon, like the twin guardians of the fairies' grotto;" "the pantomime, while the surface of the lock presents as great a variety of leaves and flowers, all chased with the utmost skill, as Eugene Kimmel's beautiful bouquet. These locks were mostly found on the doors of the ancient Continental cathedrals, or on the magnificent cabinets for which the middle ages were so famous, and Mr. Fairholt assures us that in either case the lock constituted no mean part of the profuse decoration of the door to which it was affixed. The skill of Continental locksmiths, after a considerable slumber, was revived in the seventeenth century, in the person of M. Reigner, a French artisan, who acquired great fame as the maker of "letter locks," with which the couriers despatch boxes were secured. A Dutch writer, Von Euse, passing over the claims of his own countrymen, ascribes to M. Reigner the invention of the letter lock, which is, in reality, of Dutch origin, and was made a century before this French Chubb saw the light. An allusion to it is made in Beaumont's and Fletcher's play, "The Noble Gentleman," printed as early as the year 1615, which completely sets aside M. Reigner's claim to the invention:

"A cap case for your linen and your plate,  
With a strange lock that opens with A. M. E. N.;  
and Carew, in some verses written five years later, has this reference:"As doth a lock that goes  
With letters, fer till everyone be known,  
The lock's as fast as though you ad found none."

The latter quotation partly explains the construction of the letter lock, with which Mr. Reigner's name will always be connected as their most famous manufacturer. The letters of the alphabet were engraved on four parallel revolving rings, which, by pre-arrangement on the part of the owner, were made to spell a certain word, or number of words, before the lock could be opened. If even the owner chanced to forget the "open sesame" on which he had determined, like the luckless youth in the story of "All Baba," the door would remain closed against him, till the magic watchword was recalled.

Some of the very oldest locks made by Chinese workmen were constructed almost entirely of wood, and adorned with grotesque carvings of "celestial scenes," such as those with which modern tea caddies have made us so familiar.

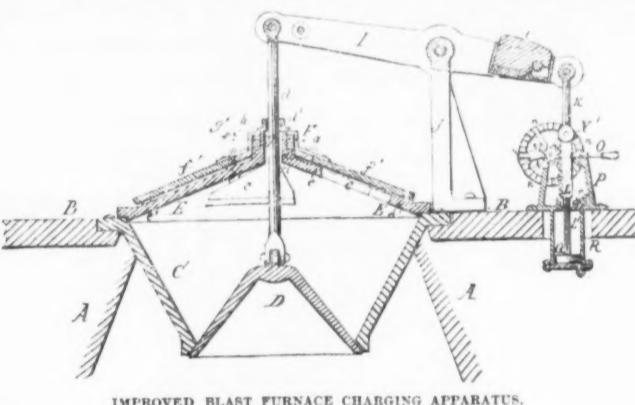
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a sentiment with which the chagrined house breaker would doubtless concur as he took his precipitate flight.

The modern lock is a far more effective and economic affair than its old-fashioned predecessor. The vastly increased facilities for manufacture and the decrease in value of the raw material, enable the lock makers of to-day to turn out locks of the most admirable workmanship and approved pattern at a very low figure. As few branches of industry afford a wider scope for the exercise of ingenuity and skill, so there are few in which those qualities have been more signally and usefully displayed.

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struments having wooden slides," the architecture of which was peculiarly adapted to the summer-house in which the fair heroine of the "willow pattern" was kept in durance vile. Then the locksmith began to flourish in England; and, by the time of good Queen Bess, the operations of the craft were so fully established in the towns of Staffordshire—to wit, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, and Wednesbury—that Cupid must have indulged in peals of laughter worthy of the immortal Comus; and, after all, the enterprise of later years, with its levers, and wards, "detectors," and master keys, the Muse of Love is still able to chant, even in the hearing of Hobbs and Chub:

"My father he has locked the door,  
My mother keeps the key,  
But neither bolts nor bars can part  
My own true love and me."

The Egyptian lock, the rude carvings of which are said to have embellished the walls of ancient Karnak's Temple, and the Herculaneum, is thus described by Mr. E. Beckett Denison, Q. C.: "In this lock three pins fall into a similar number of cavities in the bolt, and so hold it fast; they are raised again by putting in the key through the large key-hole in the bolt, and raising it a little, so that the locking pins are pushed by the key out of the way of the bolt.

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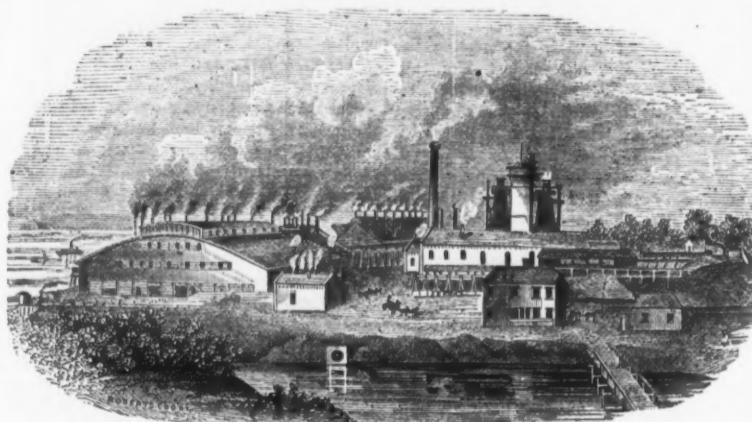
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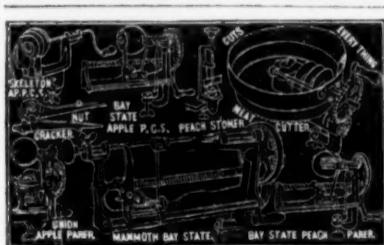
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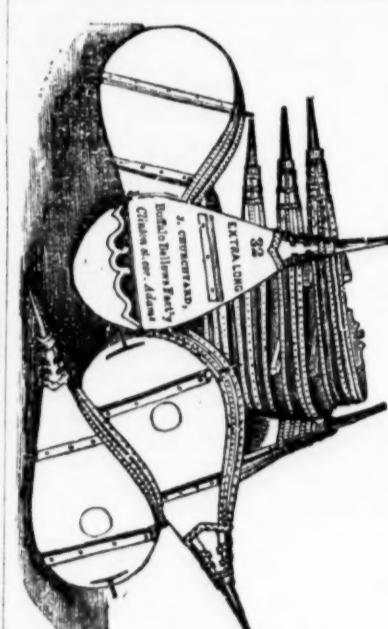
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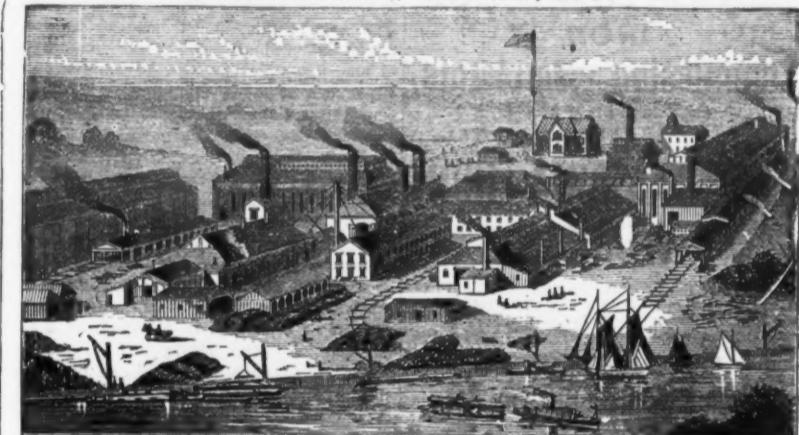
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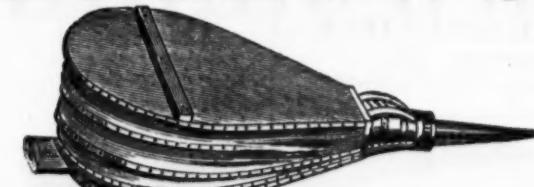
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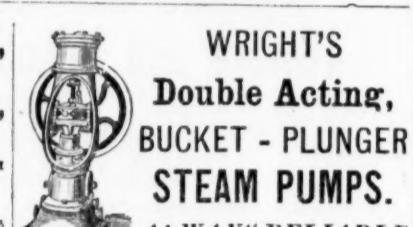
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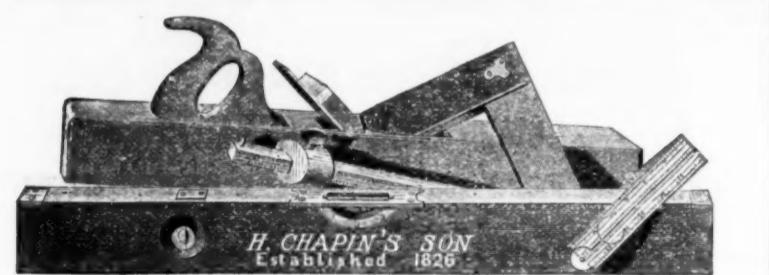
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Although there can be but little doubt that the more common varieties of files will, in this country at least, be manufactured by machinery very soon, in such quantities as to supply the domestic market, still it may be interesting, in view of the fact that files made by hand are still used very largely in proportion to the others, to inquire into the methods of manufacture—the kinds of steel used, the processes of tempering, hardening, and of cutting the teeth, beside such other matters of interest as may relate to this branch of industry. The files employed in the mechanical arts are almost endless in variety, a fact which is to be accounted for by there being some four, five or six features in every file that admit of choice, in order to adapt the instrument to the several kinds of work for which it is to be used. Most of the names of files express these different qualities, such as taper, blunt and parallel files, single cut, smooth, rough, saw file, half round file, cotted file, &c.

The great majority of files are made considerably taper in their length and to terminate nearly in a point, and are called taper; some others are made nearly parallel, but with the sides somewhat arched or convex, and are known as blunt files; a very few are made with sides almost straight, and are called parallel.

There are three forms of teeth made—those of double-cut files, those of floats or single-cut, and those of rasps. The floats and rasps are scarcely used but for wood and soft materials, the double-cut files being used for working on metals and general purposes. When a file is spoken of, a double-cut is always implied, unless a float or rasp is specifically named.

In the American Encyclopedia of Arts and Sciences, published by John Low, New York, in 1807, we find the following quaint description of files and the method of their manufacture:

"Files, in mechanics, are made of iron or forged steel, cut in little furrows with chisels and a mallet, this and that way, and of this or that depth, according to the grain or touch required. After cutting, it must be tempered with a composition of soot very hard and dry, diluted and wrought up with wine, vinegar and salt, the whole being reduced to the consistence of mustard. Tempering the files consists in rubbing them over with this composition and covering them with loam, after which they are put in a charcoal fire, and then taken out; by that time they have acquired a cherry color, which is known by a small rod of the same steel put in along with them. Being taken out of the fire, they are thrown into cold spring water, and when cold they are cleaned with charcoal and a rag, and kept from rust by laying them up in wheat bran. Iron files require more heat than steel ones."

So far the process of making files in 1807.

At present, the pieces of steel or blanks intended for files are forged out of bars of steel that have been either tilted or rolled as nearly as possible to the sections required, so as to leave but little to be done at the forge; the blanks are afterward annealed with great care, so that in neither of the processes the temperature known as the blood red heat may be exceeded. The surfaces of the blanks are then rendered accurate in form and quite clean in surface, either by filing or grinding. When the manufactured files are small the blanks are mostly put into shape by filing, as being the more exact method, and when they are large they are commonly ground on large grindstones in the more expeditious mode, and in some few cases, as in that of those called dead parallel files, the blanks are planed in the planing machine, the object being in every case to make the surface clean and smooth. The blank, before being cut, is slightly greased, that the chisel may slip slightly over it.

The file cutter, when at work, is always seated before a square stake or anvil, and he places the blank straight before him, with the tang toward his person. The ends of the blank are fixed down by two leather straps, or loops, one of which is held fast by each foot. The chisels vary in size and angle of edge, as does also the weight of the hammer used. The object is rather to indent than cut the steel, and consequently one bevel is a little more inclined than the other. The angle of the edge in the larger is about 50°, and in the smaller about 30°. The usual angles for the vertical inclination, in holding the chisel, are reported to be as follows:

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" Smooth " 5° " "

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The blow of the hammer upon the chisel causes the latter to indent and slightly drive forward the steel, thereby throwing up a small ridge or burr. The chisel is immediately replaced on the blank, and slid from the operator until it encounters the ridge previously thrown up, which arrests the chisel, or prevents it from slipping further along, and thereby determines the succeeding position of the chisel. The heavier the blow the greater the ridge, and the greater the distance from the preceding cut at which the chisel is arrested. The chisel is again struck, the blows being as nearly as possible of uniform strength, and repeated at the rate of about 60 to 80 times a minute, until the entire length has been cut with inclined parallel and equidistant ridges. This is called, among file makers, the first course. The greater proportion of files, however, are double-cut, and have two courses. After the first has been cut the surface is smoothed over by passing a file once or twice along the face of the teeth, and again greased. The second course is then cut at this same angle of vertical inclination as the first, and at about 5° to 10° from the rectangle horizontally. The blows on the chisel are given less strongly than in the first course,

so as barely to reach the bottom of the previous cut, and the burrs being consequently smaller the teeth are somewhat finer in the second course than the first. The teeth all incline toward the point of the file. When it is turned over to be cut on the other side, if the file be flat, a thin plate of powder is placed between it and the anvil to protect the cut teeth. Triangular and other files require blocks of lead having grooves of the appropriate sections to support the blanks so that the surface may be placed horizontally. Taper files require the teeth to be somewhat finer toward the point to avoid the risk of the blank being weakened, or broken in the act of being cut. For double cut rectangular files eight courses are required, but eight, ten or more courses may be required to cut one rounded face of a half-round file. For various reasons chisels with concave edges are objectionable, and the rounded face must be cut in sections with the straight chisel, and as the work is light, it is generally performed in the English workshop by boys.

The teeth of rasps are cut with a punch varying in size and shape, and it is requisite that they should not be cut in straight lines, as if they were they would produce furrows on the substances to which they were applied.

In the process of cutting files and rasps almost always become more or less bent, and are straightened out while at the red heat immediately previous to their being hardened and tempered.

Before being hardened the files are drawn through bear grounds, yeast or other sticky matter, and then through common salt mixed with cow's hoof previously roasted and pounded, which serve to protect the delicate teeth of the file from being injured by the direct action of the fire. The compound serves also as an index of the temperature, because on the fusion of the salt the hardening heat is attained. It also lessens the liability of the file to crack or clink by supplying carbon to the outside.

After being smeared with this composition the file is gradually heated to a dull red, and then most usually straightened with a leaden hammer on two small blocks, also of lead; the temperature is afterward increased till the salt just fuses, when the file is immediately dipped in water. It is immersed quickly or slowly, vertically or obliquely, according to its form, the mode being adopted for each variety of file which is best calculated to keep it straight. The half-round file is disposed, on being immersed, to become hollow or bowed on the flat side, and this tendency is provided for by curving it while soft in a nearly equal degree in the reverse direction, and by this compensatory method the hardening process leaves them nearly straight. It is spite of ever precaution the file should get bent in the hardening, it is straightened before it gets quite cold, or else it is partially reheated and subjected to pressure, never to blow. When straightened it is cooled in oil, which saves the teeth from becoming rusty.

To prevent the tangs from fracturing they are softened either by being grasped in a pair of heated tongs, or by means of a bath of melted lead in an iron vessel with a perforated cover, through the holes of which the tangs are immersed in the melted lead heated to the proper degree. The tang is afterward cooled in oil, and when the file has been wiped and the teeth brushed clean it is ready for use.

The superiority of the file is found to depend on four points: 1. The primary excellence of the steel. 2. The proper forging and annealing without excess of heat. 3. The correct formation of the teeth; and, 4, the success attained in hardening. There is, perhaps, an equal amount of philosophy and prejudice in the methods adopted by various manufacturers for hardening files; some attach very great importance to the coating or defence, others to the medication of the water, and all to the mode of immersion best calculated to keep it as straight as possible—questions of opinion that it is impossible to generalize. One of the largest importers of files into the American market gravely informed us, not long ago, that the cause of the superiority of the Sheffield files over those manufactured in Birmingham, England, was attributable to some peculiar quality in the water with which Sheffield is supplied, and in which they are tempered and hardened. He said he had known the same qualities of Swedish iron to be used in their manufacture, both critics, and subjected to the same treatment in every particular, while the result was always in favor of the Sheffield file.

Fresh water, at a temperature of 45° Fahr., is generally considered as effective in producing the proper degree of hardness as any fluid at the same or any other temperature, and the salt on the surface of the file acts principally as an antiseptic.

The principal difference between hand and machine-cut files seems to be in the shape of the tooth or cutting surface. The teeth on machine-cut files stand, as a general rule, straighter and at a less angle to the surface to be operated upon than those made by hand. The peculiar effect of the file cutters' hammer when striking a solid blow on a chisel held at an angle of 15° to 20°, and the spring of the wrist, is believed to cause the most important difference between the teeth cut by hand and by machinery. Files cut by machinery are generally conceded by file manufacturers who use only hand labor to excel the hand-cut in the regularity of the teeth and evenness of surface, and on all other points, such as steel, shaping, grinding, hardening, etc., there is little or no difference.

A considerable amount of business is done in recutting files, a work that has always been hitherto done by hand. For ordinary work a recut file is as serviceable as a new one, and much cheaper, averaging only about one-half the price. For particularly work mechanics always select new files, as they are much straighter and

truer than when recut. It is estimated that at present about three fourths of the files used in the United States are hand-cut, a state of affairs which is likely to be considerably modified before long.

**Lake Superior Furnace Items.**

The Marquette Mining Journal says:

The Frankfort Furnace Company was organized on the 25th ult., by the election of the following directors: Jerome Croul, W. H. Teft, R. H. Hall, Albert Ives, E. H. Rees, Willard S. Pope, W. C. Colburn. At a meeting of the directors, officers were chosen as follows: Wm. C. Colburn, president; Jerome Croul, vice-president; E. H. Rees, secretary; Thomas S. Christie, treasurer. The amount of capital stock is \$200,000. The furnaces of the company are located at Frankfort, Benzie county. The stock of the company is principally owned in Detroit, where their general business office is established.

The Cliffs Furnace, which was blown in on March 14th, is doing excellent work and giving good satisfaction. It has been making fifteen tons per day, and is gradually increasing, having made in the last few days sixteen tons per day.

At the Pioneer Furnace both stacks are in blast, No. 1 being on its twenty-eighth week, and No. 2 on its thirty-first. Each stack averages eighteen tons per day.

Mr. Wheaton, the general manager of the Beecher Furnace, in this city, has secured the services of Mr. George Bradley to put in a new hearth and get the stack ready for work. Mr. Bradley superintended the erection of the North Chicago furnaces, and has had twenty-five years' experience in furnace building in the old country. He may, therefore, be supposed to understand his business, and it is to be hoped, after he shall have completed his work, the furnace will be something other than a source of constant anxiety and loss to the owners. The action of Mr. Wheaton in securing the best of skilled labor is in marked contrast to the former management of the concern, and we most cheerfully score one to his credit. We desire most earnestly to see this long mismanaged enterprise put upon a paying basis, and the manager, in securing the services of Mr. Jewell in the mill, and of Mr. Taylor to put the furnace in order, has taken the most important step in the right direction.

The Grace Furnace, in this city, "blown out" on the 24th ult., having been in blast since the 25th of last June—279 days. She made in that time, notwithstanding some accidents which retarded her work, 9370 tons of iron, two-thirds of which was No. 1 foundry, and balance No. 2, with a small percentage of mill iron. These figures are exclusive of castings made, and which properly should be added to the make of the furnace. The ore used was No. 2 Lake Superior, and it is safe to say that the Grace has used up more rock and turned out more iron in the time stated than any other furnace of the same size in the country. She was doing finely when she stopped, but it was deemed prudent to blow out for repairs, as the unusually large percentage of silica in the rock ore used, together with that in the flux (Escanaba limestone), was rapidly cutting away her hearth, already greatly damaged by an explosion in her damp chamber last year. The amount of Escanaba stone required to flux the ore averaged one ton to the ton of iron made. It is understood the furnace will go into blast again as soon as the necessary repairs are made.

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We are indebted to Mr. J. M. Scribner, of Middleburgh, New York, for some statements in relation to a new mineral compound, which he says he has utilized in an entirely novel way, which may possibly interest our readers. Having lighted on a mine of silica and alumina of remarkable purity, and being aware that these two minerals in combination were indestructible by the blow pipe, the idea presented itself of more closely uniting them by the aid of a mineral of greater adhesiveness and equal power of resistance to heat. White clay was the mineral substance fixed upon as possessing these qualities in the highest degree, and upon experiment it was found to answer the purpose. The constituents, silica, alumina and clay (the two first having been reduced to an impalpable powder) were mixed together in equal proportions and found to combine perfectly. Mr. Scribner informs us that when applied to a stove lining the compound proved to be smoother, harder, and more effectively resistant to fire than ordinary fire brick, and that before a powerful blow pipe at the steel works at Troy it failed to exhibit the slightest yielding or external change. He suggests the use of the new compound as a substitute for the fire brick for furnace, cupola and stove linings.

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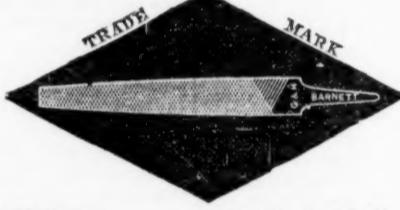
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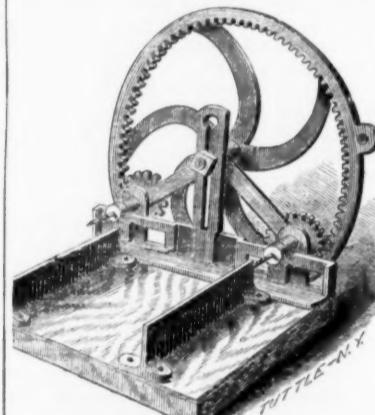


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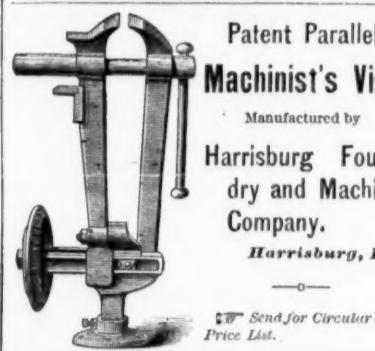
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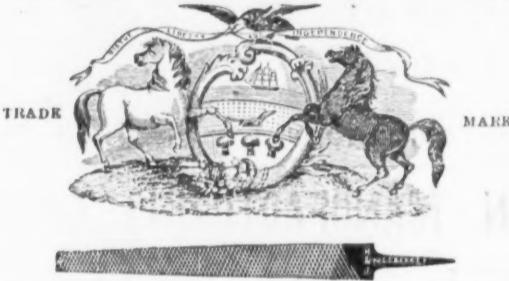
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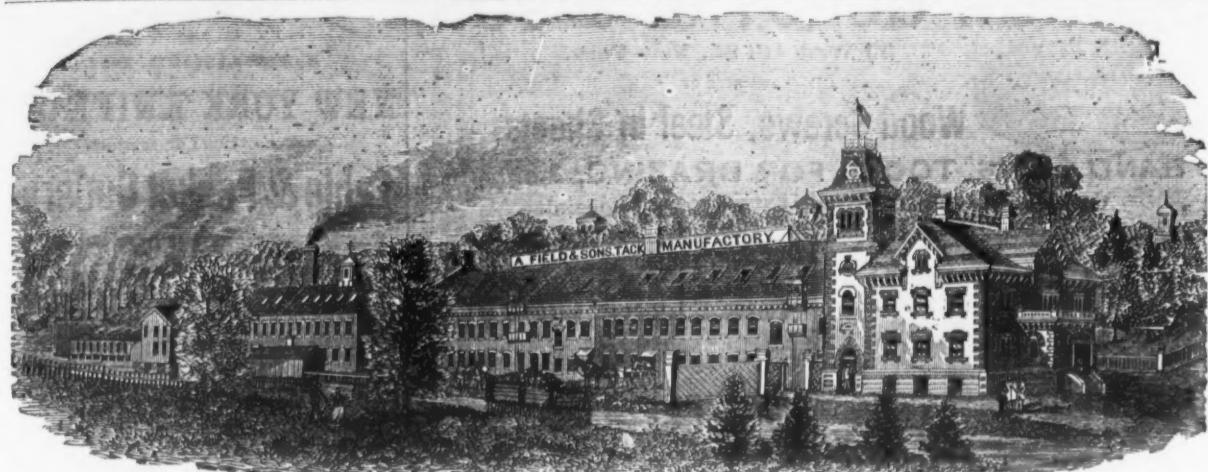
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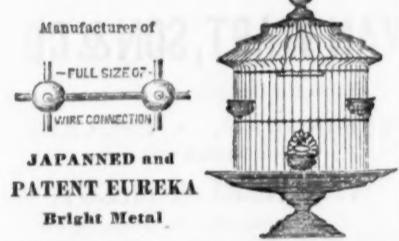
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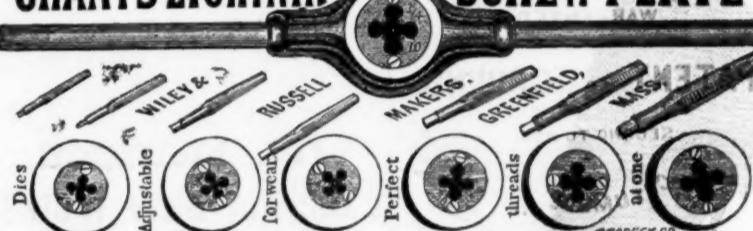
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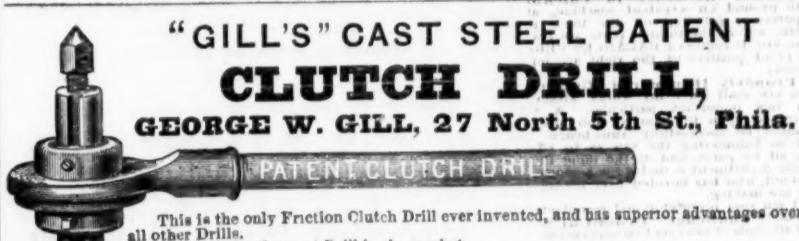
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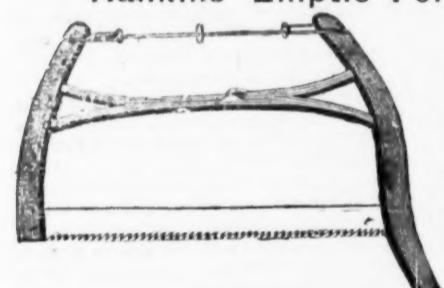


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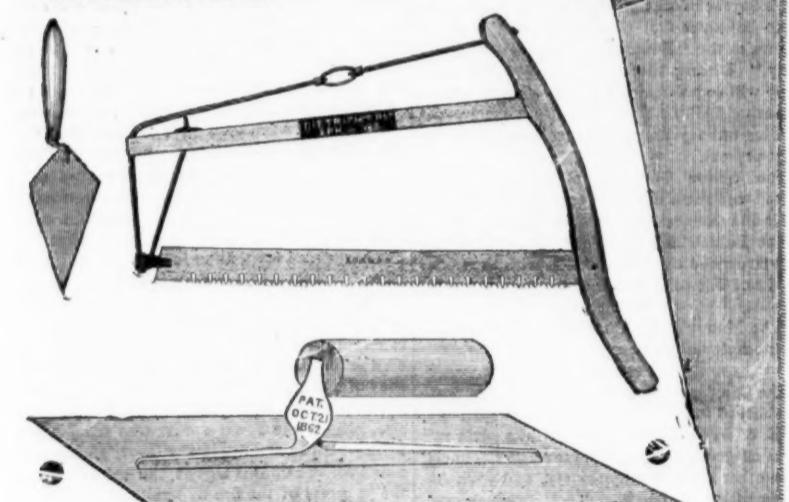
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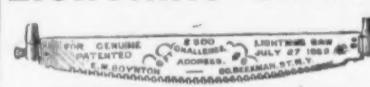
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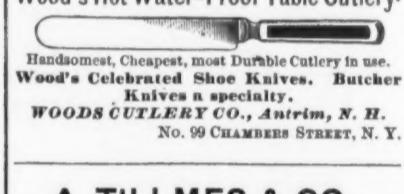
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A few months after the close of the Great Exhibition of 1851, Dr. Lyon Playfair gave a lecture on some of the results of that wonderful display, taking for his principal topic the recent advances in industrial chemistry. The production of perfumes was not the least curious of these examples. The lecturer showed that beautiful perfumes are now produced from the most trivial, and often from the most fetid and repulsive substances. If these were all, it would be a triumph of chemistry, and a benefit to mankind; but, unfortunately, the crooked commercial morality with which we are all too much acquainted, stepped in, and encourage a system of cheating and deception. It is scientific to obtain from decayed or unsightly refuse a perfume similar in odor to that obtained from a beautiful fruit or flower; but it is dishonest to call it by the name of that fruit or flower, and to charge a high price accordingly. "A peculiar fetid oil," said Dr. Playfair, "termed fusel oil, is formed in making brandy and whisky; this fusel oil, distilled with sulphuric acid and acetate of potash, gives the 'oil of pears.' The 'oil of apples' is made from the same fusel oil, by distillation with sulphuric acid and bichromate of potash. The 'oil of pine apple' is obtained from a product of the action of putrid cheese on sugar, or by making a soap with butter, and distilling it with alcohol and sulphuric acid; and is now largely employed in England in making 'pineapple ale.' 'Oil of grapes' and 'oil of cognac,' used to impart the flavor of French cognac to British brandy, are little else than fusel oil. Dog fat is used to prepare kid gloves at Paris, and is also made to yield an oil used as a cheap—perhaps fraudulent—substitute for cod-liver oil. Wool scourers' waste, in which tallow or fat of some kind is always an ingredient, is now made to give up the wherewithal for stearine candles. The blood of slaughtered animals is used in sugar refining, in making animal charcoal, in producing the once famous Turkey-red dye, and in many other ways. The bile or gall of the ox is used as a detergent for wool or cloth, as a medicine, and by painters for cleaning ivory tablets used in miniatures, for fixing chalk and pencil drawings, and for mixing with certain colors. Fishes' scales are used for bracelets and ornaments, and fishes' eyes for undeveloped buds in artificial flower making. Butchers' and knackers' offal is cooked up in such modes as to be acceptable as food for cats and dogs. Bladders and intestines are prepared into the cases for sausages and such like articles of food; into water-tight coverings for jars and apothecaries' vessels; into strings for violins and guitars, and into the bowstring of a violin. Dog fat is used to prepare kid gloves. All the odds and ends of skin and parchment of every kind are "grist to the mill" of the glue manufacturer. Calf's feet are boiled down to yield neat's foot oil for leather dressing; and sheep's feet to yield trotter oil, not unknown to our makers of hair oil. Fish garbage, whether at our fishing stations or at markets such as Billingsgate, is always saleable as manure. Last autumn, one particular shoal of herrings off Lowestoft was so enormously beyond the wants of herring eaters, that the fishers sold the fish to the farmers at 4/6 per ton! Many a fine field of hops in Kent has been rendered fertile by a manure of sprats and old woolen rags. One more example of the utilization of animal substances we cannot resist the temptation to mention. There are certain small brown domestic annoyances which tidy housewives cannot endure to hear even named, and which have received the masquerading designation of "B flats." Now, Australia has the misfortune to be very prolific in these B flats; and an enterprising colonist has devised the means of obtaining a useful brown dye from them. Knowing as we do what kind of red dye is obtainable from the cochineal insect, we have no difficulty in believing this statement concerning another small individual. The colonist will be a real "blessing to mothers," and to households in general, if he succeeds in using up this peculiar material.

Beginning with animal substances, and with such parts of them as belong to the skin, hair, and wool, we find that the skin of the dog-fish is used to make an abrading substance analogous to sand-paper. Eel-skin is made by the Americans into ropes and whip-lashes. Sole-skin is used to refine coffee and other liquids, in the manner of isinglass. Porpoise and walrus skins are tanned into shoe leather. Alligator skin is tanned by the Texans into leather much resembling fine calf. Snake skin is dressed to imitate shagreen. Old shoes and boots are "vamped" up, in Monmouth street and in Petticoat lane, the fractures doctored with "cobbler," made of ground enders and paste, and a little further life of usefulness given to them. In Yorkshire, there are "waste dealers," who buy up all the odds and ends from the woollen factories, and sell it to "shoddy" mill owners at Leeds, Dewsbury and Batley. These mill owners work up the refuse wool into "shoddy" or "mungo," mix it with a little new wool, and spin and weave it into broadcloth and doekskins, pilot cloths, drapery, coarse carpeting, baize and table covers. Woolen rags, however dirty, are bought up, torn to shreds, cleaned, made into an inferior shoddy, and wrought into the cheapest kinds of pilot cloths, beaverstoons, Petershams, mohairs, Talmans, Raglans, paletots and other superbly named woolen fabrics. It is said that Leeds alone reproduces from rags as much wool annually as would represent the fleeces of four hundred thousand sheep. These rags may be the relics of worn out clothing, tailors' cuttings, old worsted stockings, carpeting, etc.; and there are large quantities imported from abroad, in aid of our home supply. A small portion, when ground up, makes flock paper for paper hangers; and another portion, chiefly carpet waste, is used to stuff mattresses, and also as an ingredient in the manufacture of Prussian blue. All the delicate materials for ladies' dresses, known by the names of balzarines, Orleans, Coburgs, alpacas, etc., are now imitated by mixtures of wool and cotton, although they may originally have been really wool or worsted. These mixtures, when decayed by long wear to the state of rags, undergo a metempsychosis; chemicals are employed to destroy the cotton, and the residue is worked up with a little new wool into cloth. It is within the region of fair probability that some of the wool in a lady's balzarine dress this year, may form part of her husband's overcoat twelve months hence. Cow hair is used in making mortar, felt, ropes, carpets and various substitutes for horse hair. And when the ingenuity of man can find no further manufacturing uses for the above varied animal substances, the farmer is always ready to buy them as manure; two and a half pounds of woolen rags are said to contain as much fertilizing power as one hundred pounds of farm yard manure.

Turning, next, to the skeleton and the inner portion of animals, the value derived from trifles is not less remarkable. Of bones, the best parts are worked up into handles for knives, etc.; into articles of turnery, and into numerous useful productions. Some portions are used to make bone-black or animal charcoal; others are boiled to extract size for dyers and cloth finishers; and all the rest are ground up into manure for farmers. The almost incredible sum of £800,000 is said to be paid annually in England for bones. Horns and hoofs are used for so many purposes that it would be scarcely possible to enumerate them; many valuable chemical substances are obtained from these sources. Whalebone cuttings and shavings are used for stuffing cushions, etc., for fire grate ornaments and for yielding Prussian blue. Dog fat is used to prepare kid gloves at Paris, and is also made to yield an oil used as a cheap—perhaps fraudulent—substitute for cod-liver oil. Wool scourers' waste, in which tallow or fat of some kind is always an ingredient, is now made to give up the wherewithal for stearine candles. The blood of slaughtered animals is used in sugar refining, in making animal charcoal, in producing the once famous Turkey-red dye, and in many other ways. The bile or gall of the ox is used as a detergent for wool or cloth, as a medicine, and by painters for cleaning ivory tablets used in miniatures, for fixing chalk and pencil drawings, and for mixing with certain colors. Fishes' scales are used for bracelets and ornaments, and fishes' eyes for undeveloped buds in artificial flower making. Butchers' and knackers' offal is cooked up in such modes as to be acceptable as food for cats and dogs. Bladders and intestines are prepared into the cases for sausages and such like articles of food; into water-tight coverings for jars and apothecaries' vessels; into strings for violins and guitars, and into the bowstring of a violin. Dog fat is used to prepare kid gloves. All the odds and ends of skin and parchment of every kind are "grist to the mill" of the glue manufacturer. Calf's feet are boiled down to yield neat's foot oil for leather dressing; and sheep's feet to yield trotter oil, not unknown to our makers of hair oil. Fish garbage, whether at our fishing stations or at markets such as Billingsgate, is always saleable as manure. Last autumn, one particular shoal of herrings off Lowestoft was so enormously beyond the wants of herring eaters, that the fishers sold the fish to the farmers at 4/6 per ton! Many a fine field of hops in Kent has been rendered fertile by a manure of sprats and old woolen rags. One more example of the utilization of animal substances we cannot resist the temptation to mention. There are certain small brown domestic annoyances which tidy housewives cannot endure to hear even named, and which have received the masquerading designation of "B flats." Now, Australia has the misfortune to be very prolific in these B flats; and an enterprising colonist has devised the means of obtaining a useful brown dye from them. Knowing as we do what kind of red dye is obtainable from the cochineal insect, we have no difficulty in believing this statement concerning another small individual. The colonist will be a real "blessing to mothers," and to households in general, if he succeeds in using up this peculiar material.

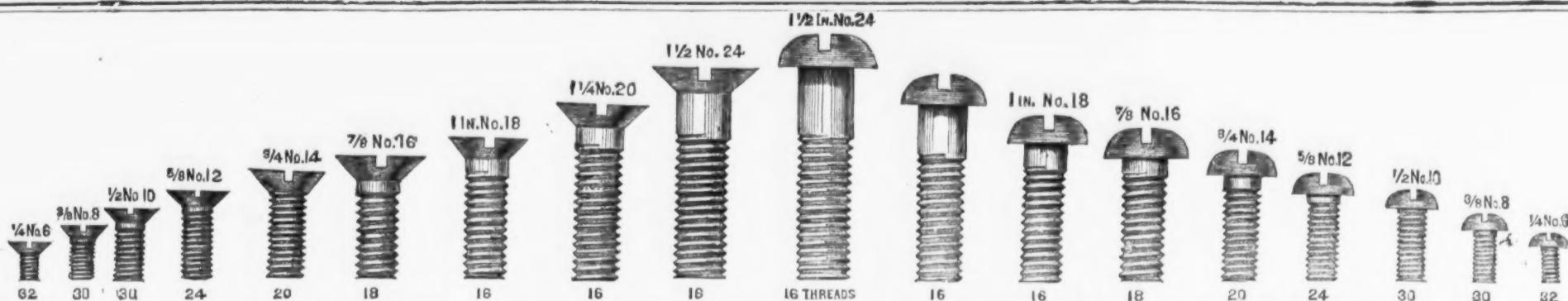
The "cotton waste dealers" will give for the stripings and flyings about one-half or two-thirds the value of new cotton; and for the other three kinds a price about one-eighth or one-tenth of the original value. It is supposed that there is little less than fifty thousand tons of this waste produced in Great Britain annually; it is worked up into coarse sheeting and bed covers, or is sold to the manufacturers of printing paper, to be mixed with linen rags. In the United States, the cotton waste is worked up into paper mache for tea trays and other articles. Linen rags, beside their more prominent use in paper making, are largely made into lint for surgeons during war time. Coir, the fibrous husk of the cocoa, is employed as a material for matting, sacking, rope and other articles, especially where a power of resisting the attacks of insects is needed. Moss, from the woods of the Mississippi regions, is extensively used for making the bags or bales in which cotton is shipped; and when this service has been rendered, paper making affords a further resource. Sea weed is employed in France for a great variety of purposes: it is made into paper; it is used as a lining material for ceilings and walls, on account of its incombusible properties and its power of resisting vermin; and it is employed by manufacturing chemists as a substance whence iodine and acetic acid can be obtained.

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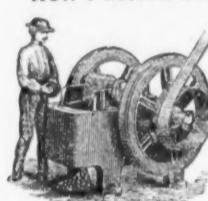
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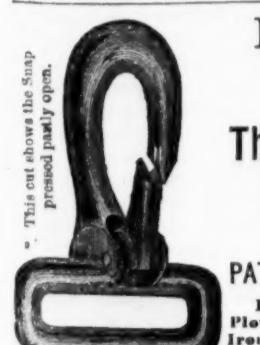
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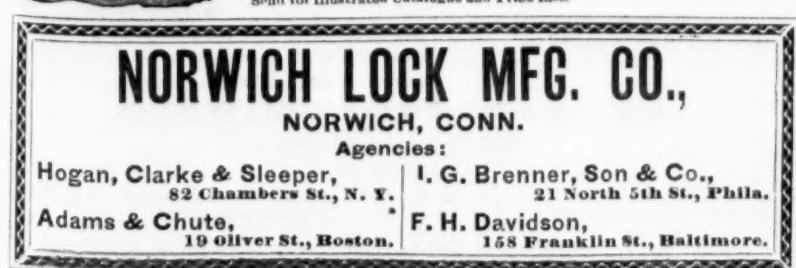


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Mr. Thomas Barningham, of the Darlington Iron Works, has issued the following letter to employers in the malleable iron trade, in which he suggests what he believes to be a practicable method of adjusting the differences between workmen and employers, on a basis satisfactory to both parties. As his scheme may be found to contain some suggestions of interest to employers in this country, we publish the letter in full. If the men could be induced to adopt the plan, and to accept as final the showing of the auditors appointed to examine employers' books, we have no doubt it would work as well as any other plan of participation—perhaps better:

Gentlemen: The malleable iron trade is now in a great difficulty, owing to the abnormal state of the wages question. The sliding scale, which was established some years ago, was in those days a reasonably satisfactory method of adjusting wages, and would have remained so had the price of coal continued almost stationary; but while this article has, during three years past, been increasing to upward of 300 per cent, more than its original value, the difficulties in store for the malleable iron trade were also increasing, simply for the reason that the profits out of which to pay wages had not increased at all, but have been, I believe, actually less than when coal began to advance in price. However, this is as it may, the sliding scale, acting only on the selling price of finished iron, has proved itself to be based on a thoroughly false principle. My object now is to propose a substitute which shall be so reasonable as to recommend itself to the thoughtful consideration of both employers and employed. I look at the question in the light of a partnership or firm consisting of all the employers and all the

workmen laboring together for one result, namely, profit arising out of the workmen's operations, and out of which both parties shall have an equitable and mutually satisfactory proportion. No one can deny that so far this proposition is fair and reasonable, and assuming this to be admitted, I will explain the method by which this proposition can be carried out. In the North of England we fortunately have established, in connection with the Board of Arbitration, a thoroughly reliable method of ascertaining, for given periods, the exact average selling price at which finished iron has been sold over the whole district. My idea is to increase the usefulness of this plan by ascertaining through it the whole actual average cost of production over the same period, basing the calculation on the actual average selling price of the most important of the raw materials, say, coal, iron and fretting. Deducting the cost of production from the selling price, would leave the average profit per ton, to which I propose wages shall bear a relative proportion, and I need hardly say that in this lies the main virtue of my proposal. To ascertain the average cost of the raw materials, I would have the auditors to the arbitration board to examine for given periods the books of, say, all or some of the most important colliery firms, and so tabulate the whole of their sales as to be able to determine the actual average price per ton of unscreened and screened coal for manufacturing purposes. In like manner the prices of pig iron and fretting could be reliably ascertained. The various firms from whom such information would be desired would, I think, readily open their books, seeing that they all have such a sterling interest in promoting the welfare of the malleable iron trade, and also because the information given would only be known to the auditors, who would simply communicate an average price of the whole. It will be seen that this method of ascertaining the cost price of finished iron entirely frees the workmen from the effects of favorable and unfavorable purchases of the raw materials by their employers.

After ascertaining the average market value, the cost sheets of the respective firms in the malleable iron trade, whether in rails, plates or bars, shall be worked out on the basis of the different prices ascertained, and when determined, the auditors would gather the whole into one grand total of weight and money, and thus arrive at the average cost price over the whole district for any given period. It would have to be assumed that each firm had about the same ability and facilities for producing finished iron cheaply, and, therefore, the cost sheets of the respective firms would be accepted in all their details, excepting in the matter of prices of coal, iron and fretting—which would be furnished by the auditors. It will also be observed that the adoption of the method I advocate would give the men an incentive to work with as little waste of time and materials as possible, so that by keeping down the cost, employers' profit is increased, and thus beneficially affect their own wages. I lay particular stress on this, as it is a well known fact that the cost of production is in no small degree affected by the neglect of workmen, and the consequent waste of materials—and so soon as this feature is realized by the men as a body, I feel sure there would be far more pleasure and satisfaction for all parties concerned than there has been for years past.

By way of illustrating the practical working of my proposition, I would assume that the auditors on behalf of both employers and employees have ascertained, in the manner before mentioned, the price of coal, pig iron, and fretting materials, and, after calculation under the auditors' supervision, and the separate totals of money and weight of finished iron, produced by each firm, shall be added together, and thus arrive at the average cost price over the whole district for any given period, which, say, for example, works out to £10, 15/-, and the average selling price (which please bear in mind to be periodically determined) to which wages should bear to this amount is the important point to be decided, but, though a momentous question, I think there is with both employers and employees sufficient desire for what is only fair and just and would easily overcome this difficulty. My own idea, however, is that for puddling it would be found reasonable to pay a shilling per ton for every shilling profit, the minimum commencing at 7/-, and allowing the maximum to be whatever the profit worked to. The above example, showing 12 6/ per ton profit, would give 12 6/ per ton for puddling, and all other wages in the mills and other departments being in proportion. If the profit should show 15/-, then puddling would be 15 per ton, or higher or lower, as the case might be, for whatever the profit was, it would be the direct result of the men's labor, and their steady or unsteady attention to their duties. In conclusion, I venture to hope that the plan here sketched out for determining wages will meet with careful consideration, for I believe it would, after a short time, prove to be the missing link in the bond of union between capital and labor, which has been so long and so acutely desired by the trade.

There are, perhaps, many points which would require full explanation; if so, I should be glad, as I am, to make my proposition more clear.

I am, gentlemen, yours, respectfully,  
THOS. BARNNINGHAM.  
Darlington Iron Works, 25th March, 1874.

#### The Currency and Prices.

The Senate bill providing for an increase of legal tenders and national bank notes, having passed the House without amendment, now awaits the President's signature to become a law. That he will sign it is probable. Judging from the talk of the contractionists and opponents of a currency increase, such increase will cause an immediate advance in the price of everything, will give everything a fictitious and speculative value, impoverish the working classes by diminishing the purchasing power of a dollar in percentages variously calculated, and indefinitely postpone the resumption of specie payments. Now, we do not believe any such results can reasonably be expected. We do not approve the Senate bill in all respects, for the reason that it empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to play fast and loose with some \$18,000,000 of greenbacks remaining from the \$44,000,000 of so-called reserve, and to call in the \$26,000,000 which has issued of it whenever it shall seem to him expedient to do so. It furthermore authorizes an increase of \$16,000,000 in the national bank circulation, but imposes such conditions as to bank reserves as will neutralize, in a great measure, the benefits

of the new issue. In these respects the bill is essentially defective, and should have been amended. It is not our purpose to discuss its merits, however, but merely to consider whether any such dire consequences as have been predicted are likely to result from it.

It is a very common notion among the intelligent classes of the community that if the amount of money in any country were once fixed and determined, it would represent the exchange value of all transfers of property and services, no matter what its quantity may be. We find this idea running through nearly all discussions on the state of the currency, and underlying nearly all schemes for the reform of existing evils in business. The mass of the people believe in this doctrine, and a majority even of those who aspire to recognition as public advisers not only believe it, but cite "authorities" to prove it.

Hume made this mistake seventy-five years ago, and Mill repeated it as lately as 1865, in the following language: "The doubling of the money in use would do no good to anyone, would make no difference except that of having to reckon pounds, shillings and pence in higher numbers. It would be an increase of values only as estimated in money, a thing only wanted to buy other things with, and would not enable anyone to buy more of them than before. Prices would have risen in a certain ratio, and the value of money would have fallen in the same ratio. This ratio would be precisely that in which the quantity of money had been increased. If the whole money in circulation were doubled, prices would be doubled. If it was only increased one-fourth prices would rise one-fourth." This is a very plausible theory, and the confidence with which it is uttered is calculated to commend it to unquestioned acceptance. Without doubt, if the pendulum of a clock beats two strokes for one to the second, the hands will make the circuit of the dial twice as rapidly, without quickening the actual flight of time. Here we have a very pretty analogy, but if we look further we will find it based upon assumptions which have nothing whatever to recommend them to attention except the mathematical symmetry of dogmatic statement.

It may safely be stated as a fact, that in no country of the world does the amount of money in circulation equal, or bear any constant proportion to, the exchange values in its markets. Before the war our gold, silver and bank note circulation never reached the sum of four hundred millions, and if from this be deducted the amount hoarded or withdrawn, the aggregate in actual circulation was probably not more than three hundred millions. Yet in 1860 the annual products of domestic industry were worth three thousand millions by the actual money standard of the time. If but two thousand millions of this went to market, and another thousand millions worth of real estate was bought or sold, and still another thousand millions paid for professional services of various kinds, which contributed nothing directly to the production of marketable commodities, we had no less than four thousand millions to be paid and received. We see thus that the relation of money to exchange values in 1860 was about one dollar to thirteen. Supposing this to have been exactly the proportion on any given day of 1860, is it probable that the letting into circulation on the following day of the one hundred millions hoarded or withdrawn, would have increased the price of all commodities thirty per cent? or would it have that much advanced any prices whatever by its own proper operation, that is, by the action of the additional sum. Is it not more likely that it would only have increased the saleability of raw materials, machinery and labor, by accelerating commercial movements and quickening the industrial activities of the nation? And would not the increased product of labor, suddenly called upon to meet the new demand—supposing peace to have continued unbroken by civil strife—have filled the markets and reduced prices by quickening the competition between producers seeking purchasers for their products? This seems to us a reasonable and common sense view of the case, and what would have happened in 1860 under given conditions, will happen under like conditions in 1874.

Whether a theory of finance is reasonable or not can best be determined by a careful examination of history. A case in point suggests itself which may be briefly considered in this connection, as bearing upon the relation of money circulation to prices. During the thirty years from 1818 to 1848, England's imports of the precious metals, in excess of her exports, averaged ten millions of dollars per annum. In this period her exports of commodities increased in quantity 236 per cent, but only 31 per cent in value. In 1848 the value of these exports was \$640,000,000. It is prob-

able the nation retained products to an equal value for home consumption, or about \$25 worth per head of population, so that the value of the industrial products of Great Britain in that year was about \$1,280,000,000. Basing a calculation upon the percentages above given, we find that the industrial products of Great Britain declined 60 per cent. in value in the thirty years, from the \$3,200,000,000 they would have cost in 1818, to \$1,280,000,000, their actual market value in 1848, while the money of the country was increased \$300,000,000. During this period the price of food experienced only such fluctuations as resulted from causes temporary in their operations. The same was true of the prices of fuel, wearing apparel and all the necessities of life, and it is quite certain that Mr. Mill's theory did not apply to that period, at least.

If the theory to which we have alluded were true in the general application, it would be at fault in seeking to establish an exact relation between the amount of circulation and the price of commodities. No such relation exists. No one but a theorist would attempt to measure the effect upon prices of commodities, of a deficiency in the money supply in any case where money is needed, by the percentage of that deficiency. The want of money wherewith to purchase may cheapen commodities by diminishing the demand for them, and with an increase in the available money supply these prices may advance; but in the one case the decline is due to commercial stagnation, in the other the advance is due to healthy commercial activity.

If by increasing the circulation the value of money is depreciated in proportion to such increase, the difference must, of course, be added to the price of commodities, without altering their value as gauged by any fixed standard. Such, however, is not the case in this instance. No one will have any less confidence in the integrity of the government after an increase of the legal tender circulation to \$400,000,000, than he has to-day, nor will any one exchange a national bank note for a less value after an increase of national bank circulation by \$46,000,000, because of such increase, than he would to-day. We are not going to repudiate either our greenbacks or our government bonds, and no person of sound judgment fears any such result from such "inflation" as is now contemplated. That we need more currency is the almost unanimous testimony of business men in all parts of the country. The rate of interest for the use of money is steadily on the increase, and to conduct a business of any magnitude on a cash basis, or anything approaching it, is next to impossible. Everywhere we hear complaints of the difficulty of making collections, and both merchants and manufacturers are often compelled to tide themselves over seasons of monetary stringency by borrowing money at high rates, while waiting to collect good debts to an amount often far in excess of their immediate necessities. It is easy to make ingenious theories of finance to account for all this, but the merchants, the manufacturers and the farmers know that the principal reason for it is the want of more abundant currency. Ten years ago Congress fixed the amount of currency the country was permitted to have, but while the amount of this circulating medium has been steadily reduced by hoardings, destruction by fire, shipwreck, &c., the necessities of trade for currency have enormously increased—hence the necessity for a proportionate increase of currency. The plan of increase proposed in the Senate bill is not, we think, the best that could be devised, but it is infinitely better than no plan at all, and the President may sign it without any fear that its effect, as a law, will be other than generally beneficial to the commercial interests of the country.

#### The Foreign and Domestic Production of Lead.

The lack of trustworthy statistics from Spain has, of late years, rendered it difficult to ascertain the statistical position of lead with even approximate accuracy. About all we know of its present position was contained in a London telegram, published in the metal report of last week's issue, to the effect that the stocks in first hands in Europe are very light, and that nothing but a more active demand is needed to produce an improvement in the tone of the market, and to advance prices.

That the productive capacity of Spain is very large, and that the normal production of the Peninsula greatly exceeds that of Great Britain, is clearly shown in the last official export tables embracing the five years 1866 to 1870, which we gave in our issue of Oct. 9, 1873, under the title of "Spain's Mineral Resources and the Civil War." On referring to this government report, it will be seen, that Spain exported

in 1866, 55,350 tons; in 1870, 77,500, and that the latter consisted of 38,000 tons pig

that of last year, when we turned out 20,000 tons from the West and 9000 from bullion on the seaboard. The late panic compelled a good many smelting establishments to suspend work, and they have remained closed ever since. Until confidence in trade circles is fully restored, it is not likely that these less favored establishments will resume operations. Consumption, on the other hand, with less building going on all over the country, is not likely to be very great. But however this may be, lead is not a speculative metal, although it may be temporarily depressed by circumstances, as at the present time in Europe; and when thus depressed consumers cannot well make a mistake by anticipating future requirements to a liberal extent.

#### Strikes and Rumors of Strikes.

The old proverb, "Experience teaches fools," is only partially true in the case of our puddlers and other iron workers. At least, it is true only so far as the fools who are said to be taught by experience have themselves suffered the consequences of their own folly, and does not apply to those who have only witnessed, in the cases of other fools, the punishment of follies akin to their own. For instance: The puddlers in the mills about Harrisburgh, after a four months' strike in consequence of a reduction of their wages from \$6 per day to \$5, have gone to work on employers' terms, and openly severed their connection with the union, which betrayed them into an act from the consequences of which they have suffered heavily, and will continue to suffer for years to come. If the men had had any judgment, or sufficient collective intelligence to see that a reduction of wages from last year's average is the only condition on which it is possible for a majority of manufacturers to continue operations this season, they would probably accept the situation and work for such wages as employers can afford to pay. But they are as blind to their own interest as they are indifferent to the interests of the masters. In the vicinity of Reading and other centers of iron manufacture the puddlers are getting ready to repeat the foolishness of the Harrisburgh operatives. A few days ago a conference of the United Sons of Vulcan was held at Reading, at which the subject of a general strike was discussed, and the following adopted as the men's ultimatum to the employers:

We propose to go by market prices. If iron sells at \$75 to \$75 per ton, the boiling price shall be \$575, helpers to be paid by the heat, 48 cents. When puddling is \$575, no allowance to be received from the companies. If iron advances \$5 per ton, the price for boiling shall be increased 25 cents. If there be a decrease in the prices, the puddling rates shall fall in proportion—all questions of differences to be settled by arbitration, the wages to be decided by the average price of iron during each preceding month. Pay day shall be the third Saturday of each month.

Naturally, the ironmasters are determined not to accept this proposition, and as the union is well supplied with funds, a general strike is not improbable. The men in several large establishments have already struck, and others have made demands which cannot be met. From many parts of the country we hear the same story, and several of our largest establishments are standing idle because the men will not work for the highest wages which employers can afford to give. If the men can thus stand idle at a time when those in other trades who have steady employment consider themselves fortunate, and when a majority of the masters are trembling at the prospects of the immediate future, surely the time has come when active measures for the repression of the unions are imperatively demanded. The masters must combine for their own protection, and when the struggle is that of combined labor against combined capital, the masters will only need to keep faith with each other to break the unions and emancipate the workingmen from the tyrannous rule to which they have so long submitted. In our judgment, the only way in which the evil of strikes can be met is by an agreement among employers to hire no man who cannot show a discharge from his last place. This may seem to be a violent remedy, but the circumstances will justify recourse to any expedient which may be needed to save the iron trade from utter demoralization.

#### Plan for an Indo-European Railway.

The project of a railway to connect Western Europe with the richest portions of Central Asia and, further on in the future, the far eastern parts of the Continent, has lately attracted a much larger degree of attention in Europe, but particularly in England and Russia, than was ever previously bestowed upon it. The more intelligent classes of the people of India are likewise beginning to look upon the proposed railway with some appreciation of its importance to Asiatic welfare. The plan is that of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, and aims to unite directly the

south, and indirectly the west, of Europe with Central Asia by way of Russian territory. The Indian opinion of the proper relations between Great Britain and Russia regarding the Asian possessions of the former will have a great influence in determining the national jurisdictions through which the route should run, if it ever develop into an undertaking. One of the most credited organs of public opinion in British India, the *Bombay Gazette*, treated of these relations and of the benefits of the proposed railway very fully in its issue of January 10 ult., and earnestly desires its success. M. De Lesseps' project is not the first of its kind, but it is the first that has ever had the advantage of being favored by British and Continental capitalists. The *Bombay Gazette* thus speaks of the line which M. De Lesseps has chosen for his railway:

It is needless for us to say that the route which M. de Lesseps has chosen for his line is not one that commands itself to Anglo-Indian politicians, whose chief desire is to keep any overland railway that may be made well out of the reach of Russia. Sir Henry Rawlinson's line from Constantinople through Persia answers the Anglo-Indian definition of a safe line politically, and it has also the recommendation that it would be the shortest line from Europe to India. But the failure of the Euphrates Valley Railway scheme and of Baron Reuter's concession has proved that the English government will not take upon itself the responsibility of assuming in Turkey and Persia what control over the native governments which is demanded as a security by European capitalists before they will invest their money in a railway running through those uninvited countries. M. de Lesseps claims, on the other hand, for his scheme that it will run in Asia only through Russian and English territory, for he considers that the Russian frontier really extends to the Oxus, and that Afghanistan is practically one of the protected States of the Indian Empire. If, then, he can get both England and Russia to agree that his project is a good one, the thing is done. And why should they not agree? We are thankful to believe that at last the government of India has fairly abandoned the obsolete and stupid foreign policy of treating the Himalayas as a sort of natural Chinese wall for the English possessions in India, and of discouraging any kind of intercourse between India and the countries beyond those mountains. It is certain, too, that if Russia and England are to meet one another soon in deadly strife for the dominion of Asia, the existence of a railway will give no advantage to one combatant over the other, while in times of peace—that is, for 19 years out of every 20—it must do infinite service to both States. Our own belief is that an overland railway will be specially beneficial to India, because it cannot but develop native trade, which is now checked by the dread of the people of this country have of crossing the sea. The scheme, however, is yet in its infancy, and the main object of the journey of M. Victor de Lesseps and Mr. Stuart to consult the leading political, commercial and railway authorities in India, and with the help of what they hear, and what they may observe for themselves during a few months' stay in Upper India, to collect statistics which will justify the formation of a company to make preliminary surveys of the territory from Peshawar across the Hindoo Koosh to the Oxus. We heartily wish success to the enterprise, and we are sure M. de Lesseps and Mr. Stuart may count on obtaining the courteous co-operation of the Indian government and public."

The foregoing observations contain an indication of the principles which ought to guide the active policy of the Indian government. As regard the particular route that may finally be chosen, the reasons are obvious why it ought to pass through territory subject only to European dominion. Speaking of the sentiments expressed by the *Bombay Gazette*, the Russian *Golos* says:

The political press of British India begins to speak favorably of the new project. The only objection expressed by the masters of India is that ancient and unfounded fear that India may become necessary to Russia at some more or less distant epoch. How strange it is that in Europe civilized nations should be able to exist in all the relations of good neighborhood, and without attempts to subjugate each other, but that the question should immediately present a different aspect when it relates to Asia. There, two civilized nations having become neighbors, must, therefore, begin a death-struggle for the domination of Asia. We confess that this idea is beyond our comprehension, and we think it quite possible that in Asia, as well as in Europe, we could desire to remain at peace with a good neighbor. We are informed that, in consequence of a report submitted by the Ministry of Public Works, orders have been issued by the government to take into serious consideration the project of M. de Lesseps for an Indo-Russian Railway. Accordingly, a committee is being formed of the most competent men of all the departments to study the project, after which a second committee will be appointed to examine the terrain and decide as to the direction in which the line is to be definitely carried.

We trust that the Russian Ministry of public works will do much more than "take into serious consideration," the project of the Lessep's Indo-European Railway. Railways will do more than almost any other material enterprise to prevent the great European rivals in Asia from attempting to "subjugate each other," as well as to develop the enormous resources of India, to enrich its vast population, and to draw within the busy circle of the world's activity and industries, countries whose vast productive capacity is now drawn upon only to a very limited extent.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the grievance of exorbitant rates on messages resulting from the consolidation of the trans-atlantic cable companies is working out its own cure by stimulating competition. The report of the Direct United States Cable Company, submitted on the 1st ult., states that 1535 nautical miles of cable have been manufactured, and landing places in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Hampshire, in the United States, and a locality for the shore end in Ireland, have

#### Prices in Philadelphia of No. 1 Anthracite Foundry Pig Iron, from 1842 to 1873

—Tons of 2240 lbs.

Compiled by Wm. G. Neilson for the American Iron and Steel Association.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Avg'e	Year.
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\*Average for year to nearest eighth.

+Uncertain.

†Lowest average for month, \$10½—October, 1861.

‡Highest average for month, 73½—August, 1861.

From 1842 to July, 1866, averaged monthly from weekly quotations in Philadelphia and New York prices current. From July, 1866, to 1873, averaged from weekly quotations in Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association.

#### Prices of American Iron Railroad Bars in Philadelphia for Twenty-six Years, from 1847 to 1873.—Tons of 2240 lbs.

Compiled by Wm. G. Neilson for the American Iron and Steel Association.

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Avg'e	price of Gold.





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## PHILADELPHIA CORRESPONDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13, 1874.

Everyone is still on the anxious seat for some final action by Congress relative to the currency, and all business enterprises are in abeyance until the result is known. The majority of our manufacturers are undeniably in favor of the measure adopted by the Senate, styled by its enemies "ultra-inflation." Whatever it may be termed, it is believed it will give us a demand for goods at decent prices, which will enable manufacturers to pay fair wages, and thus put a stop to the expensive and injurious labor troubles now existing. So many plans are awaiting this settlement by Congress of our money troubles, that it is highly probable a sudden and active demand will advance prices.

The iron trade are discounting this, and furnaces and mills now idle are preparing to resume. The Cambria Works are reported to have resumed with full force in the Bessemer department, and partially in one of the iron rail mills. The miners are still out and the puddlers idle. A general review of the trade shows the locomotive and car works beginning to be busy on orders which promise work for some months, the bar mills with fair orders, and the furnace companies with more inquiry for metal, based on the belief that iron is as low as it will or can go. The steel trade has been busy for some time, and at prices which are said to be satisfactory. From all accounts a very active summer trade is expected to follow the settlement of the currency question, and a belief so generally accepted is rarely without foundation. The iron trade—or, rather, the method of producing iron—is apparently on the eve of some great and radical changes. A glance at the numerous new and startling processes offering, both abroad and in this country, shows that the bent of inventive genius in this line is turned toward radical innovations on present processes, if not an almost total departure from the previously accepted theories and practice of production. Thus, we find a process in England of simplifying puddling by the use of a mixture of iron coke, so-called, which consists of iron ore mixed with carbon in the shape of gas tar, and by which the iron is rapidly reduced in the puddling furnace, only requiring the labor of "balling" by the puddler, and avoiding entirely the elimination of surplus carbon by boiling and rabbelling. This meets with very marked favor from practical English iron masters, and is certainly a radical departure from the previous form of puddling.

In France a process for producing alloys of manganese, titanium, silicon or tungsten with iron, by means of using a combination of the ores of these metals, or metalloids, with granulated iron, borings or sponges, which is wetted with acidulated water, and on being compressed in molds, becomes so hard as to resist the disintegrating heat of the furnace below the temperature of fusion of pig metal. This offers a radical change in the manufacture of spiegele, titaniferous irons and steels, silicon steel and tungsten steel. In this country a host of inventors are busily engaged in processes for utilizing waste ores and magnetic sands, and of decarbonizing pig metal at its egress from the blast furnace. Cheap and practical application of gas heats are also attracting great attention, and one inventor, Prof. Lowe, has applied a gas fuel to the blast furnace with a claim for very great economy. The processes described and illustrated from time to time in your columns show the extent to which men's minds are attracted to these subjects. The gas producing and utilizing rotary puddling furnace, illustrated in your last, and invented by William Sellers, Esq., of this city, is an evidence of this progress, and the machine, although apparently complex in design, would, it is evident, prove thoroughly practical and economical in working. Nor are the existing methods without their advancement. The introduction here of the Whitwell Hot Blast Stove, within the past year, has been extraordinarily rapid for a foreign invention compelled to encounter the prejudice against new hot blasts. Many of the best new furnaces are adopting this stove, both East and West, and its results in increasing the product of charcoal furnaces on the Continent has been simply marvelous. The application of two of these stoves of small size to a charcoal furnace at Wellerbach, Prussia, have been followed by an economy of 15/ per ton of pig produced and the possibility of using cheaper ores. Moreover, so fluid is the iron, from the increased temperature of the blast, that remarkably fine castings are made direct from the blast furnace. A sample before me of a section of some ornamental open work, similar to stone ornamentation, and which was cast in a complete cylinder, the design being an ornamental crown of open work and of some two feet diameter, presents the appearance of the finest gray iron casting, perfectly smooth and solid, although cast in the ordinary sand. Such results are certainly steps of progress, and serve to show the activity of inventive genius when spurred by competition.

It is now many years since the last great innovation in iron making, the discovery of the Bessemer process, was made, and while numerous steps of progress in other directions have been made, it would seem highly probable that the current or coming year may give us another and even more radical departure from previous practice.

City gossip has been unusually dull for the week past. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American line of steamships was held, and the report shows an amount of receipts of \$57,692.02, and of expenses of \$524,372.27, leaving an excess of receipts of \$53,319.75. The greater portion of this was expended in necessary expenses in starting a new line, wharf improvements, etc. The steamers of the line are doing a good and growing business, and the prospects of the successful establishment of a large American line of steamers from this port are highly encouraging. The damage to the Pennsylvania has been repaired, and she has sailed again on her regular line.

The subscriptions to the Centennial continue to come in freely, and with additions from outside places, and especially from associations of mechanics, showing an interest in the scheme among the working classes. The prospects of a national appropriation are also improving.

The first official survey of the Girard Avenue bridge, previously noted in my letters as nearly completed, has been made, and it is said the bridge can be formally opened by July 1st. In the list of weekly exports from this port for last week I find the following significant item: Bar Iron, 54,170 lbs., but whether to Liverpool is not stated. Locomotives to the amount of \$38,800 and other iron manufactures to a value of \$10,800 are included in the list, while coal to the amount of 2100 tons are also

noted. Thus are our iron exports slowly creeping up; coal is taking its place also in the reports, and before the resumption of specie payments in this country it will be seen that the exports of these sources of wealth will have had more to do with that consummation than all the legislation and financial theories of New England.

A number of new manufacturing enterprises in and near the city are projected, and await the return of business for active action. A liberal spirit is shown in offers of land free to manufacturing companies in our near-by towns, and the coming summer will doubtless see a very considerable addition to the manufacturers of Eastern Pennsylvania.

## Railway Construction.

The Philadelphia *North American* says: There is a little railroad activity perceptible over the country that seems to promise more in all sections. California has projected a narrow gauge railroad, eighty miles long, from Plumas county in the northeast, adjoining Nevada, through the Sierra Valley and along the eastern slope of the Sierra, to Truckee and the Central Road. In Texas, the Galveston and San Antonio Road, constructed through Harrisburg and Richmond to Columbus, has been placed under contract to the San Marcos River, and graded to within fifteen miles. It is to be actively prosecuted this season, with a hope of reaching Gonzales, on the Guadalupe—intermediate between Columbus and San Antonio. The road from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande at Laredo, 150 miles, is also to be commenced at once. South Carolina expects soon to organize a company for extending the Spartanburg and Columbia Road north to Ashville, N. C., where it joins the Morristown road from the Virginia and Tennessee. This road is surveyed north to the Knoxville branch in Kentucky, and thus reaches both Louisville and Cincinnati. The progress of the Cincinnati Southern has something to do with the activity shown. The same motive may have some influence on the extension of the Savannah and Memphis Road, that is said to have been arranged. In Tennessee the progress of the Cincinnati Southern is the assigned cause for a road from Sweetwater, on the Tennessee and Georgia, 45 miles southwest from Knoxville, to the Tellico Iron Works, in Monroe county, 25 miles, to be extended to the Southern at Rockford. The Southern is experiencing Hoosier fortune for a time in the great tunnel because the machinery has not arrived. The work is, nevertheless, progressing north from Chitwood, and is being pressed between Somerset and South Danville, with the expectation of completing it a year from July. In Virginia the Ohio and Chesapeake has arranged to build from Hanover Junction, 45 miles southeast to West Point, on York river; and the road already graded in the Shenandoah is to be ironed from the Potomac to Front Royal, and graded south. It has been surveyed through the whole valley across the Ohio and Chesapeake to Salem, on the Virginia and Tennessee. New Jersey has just completed a second track of 20 miles between Boonton and Passaic, on the Boonton branch of the Delaware and Lackawanna, and in this State the Hanover and York Road down Codorus Valley, 18 miles, is being constructed.

New England is doing little. A road 35 miles long is to be constructed between Manchester and Keene, on the Cheshire, where it reaches the Connecticut Valley Road. The West is almost as quiet. A narrow gauge road, 65 miles long, is to connect Wabasha, on the Mississippi, with Faribault, on the Milwaukee and Minnesota, by the Green Bay Company, in Minnesota. In Wisconsin a narrow gauge is being built from Toomah, on the West Wisconsin, to the Wisconsin River, as part of the Chicago and Toomah. The Wheeling and Lake Erie Road, in Ohio, has been commenced, and a short road to connect Cleveland with Euclid. The summary shows life and improvement of it; but much less activity than was noticeable a few ears since.

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## A Manufacturing Company,

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Established 1859.

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To the Trade.  
HARDWARE TRADE REGISTER.

1874

Owing to the backward state of trade occasioned by the late panic, we have decided it advisable to defer the publication of our Register of Hardware Trade until next year, in order to give its benefits to the trade of next season. Having come to our knowledge that certain parties, evidently having no reputation of their own, are endeavoring to pass off their own articles as ours, we have, by assuring our old friends, and even in some instances, from what we understand, using our last edition for canvassing purposes, we respectfully announce to the trade that we are not canvassing for our next edition, which will be published as soon as possible, and will be all the more additional value, as it will contain a compilation which will still be more valuable than it already is, and render it indispensable as a work of reference to the trade, and we ask them to withhold their advertising favors until our new and excellent register is published.

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The Merchants and Manufacturers Agency,

(MERCANTILE.)  
No. 4 & 6 Warren St., N. Y., publisher.

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S. W. THOMPSON, Manager.

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Next July a well known firm of Engineers and Ma  
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A gentleman who has been traveling in the South for eight years past, for an English cutlery and hardware house, and who is thoroughly acquainted with the hardware, house-furnishing, and notion trade from Baltimore to San Antonio, Texas, desires to make a new engagement. Address, with particulars,

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10 Warren Street, N. Y.

## Wanted,

A position as assistant superintendent of Bessemer Works, or some assistant position of the Research Polytechnic Institute in Troy, where he received his diploma for Civil Engineer, after a thorough scientific study of the subject of the Bessemer process. For the past six months he has had practical experience as a student at the Bessemer steel works in Troy, where he is now further perfecting himself in that branch. He is not afraid to work, and is prepared to furnish undoubted references for character and ability. Address, Box 1508 P. O., N. Y.

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One 150 Horse-Power Stationary Engine, with heavy flywheel, all complete, and in good order.

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One 30 Horse-Power Stationary Engine, as good as new, complete, with "Judson

# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 15, 1874.

The chief topic of interest during the week has been the action of the House on the Senate bill providing for an increase of currency. As this bill has now passed the House, the probabilities are that the President will sign it; and while it contains some features which should be amended at the earliest moment, it is better than no action at all, and infinitely better than contraction. As the effect of an increase of currency upon prices is very fully discussed in our editorial columns, we need only say that it is regarded with approval by business men throughout the country, and will give general satisfaction in manufacturing districts. General business continues dull and depressed, and no great improvement can be looked for so long as the action of the President is uncertain. Money continues in good supply and limited demand, with rates for call loans at 4 @ 5 per cent. Commercial paper is quoted 5 @ 7 per cent.

The gold market has been steady and strong, advancing on Tuesday on strength of rumored complications between Washington and Madrid, which are serious enough to threaten a breach of peaceful relations. If the rumor has not yet been officially denied, it certainly lacks official confirmation. The following shows the daily range of the premium:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	13 3/4	11 3/4
Friday	11 3/4	11 3/4
Saturday	11 3/4	11 3/4
Monday	11 3/4	11 3/4
Tuesday	11 3/4	11 3/4
Wednesday	11 3/4	11 3/4

The stock market has been unsettled and feverish, fluctuating between strength and weakness. The principal dealings have been in Western Union, Pacific Mail, Lake Shore, N. Y., Central, Union Pacific, Erie and Wabash. The highest and lowest of to-day's prices are given below.

The bond market continues strong for governments, and moderately strong for desirable investment securities. The closing prices for governments are given below.

The following shows the movements in foreign trade for the week:

	1872.	1873.	1874.
Total for week.	\$10,670,650	\$6,271,358	\$11,278,078
Prev. reported.	112,353,300	120,908,613	110,396,414

Since Jan. 1. \$123,093,954 \$127,179,971 \$121,674,492

Included in the imports of general merchandise for the week are:

	Quant.	Value.
Brass goods.	18	\$3,605
Bronzes.	142	6,192
Chains and anchors.	121	121 1/2
Copper.	4	4,084
Cutlery.	95	30,533
Gas fixtures.	1	413
Guns.	159	6,995
Hardware.	90	10,169
Iron pig, tons.	353	29,366
R. R. bars.	3,777	70,416
Iron cotton ties.	210	1,470
Iron, other, tons.	165	10,670
Lens, pigs.	7,465	47,673
Metal goods.	127	17,009
Nails.	6	759
Needles.	13	7,782
Old metal.	2,738	
Per caps.	13	1,733
Saddlery.	14	2,651
Steel.	1,493	16,914
Silverware.	6	1,000
Tins, boxes.	7,514	210,591
Tins, 9,279 slabs.	729,647	156,913
Wire.	47	4,334
Zinc.	19,800	1,356

Government bonds closed heavy as follows:

Bid.	Asked
U. S. Currency 6s.	116 1/2
U. S. 6s 1881, reg.	119 1/2
U. S. 6s 1881, cou.	121 1/2
U. S. 1863, 5-30 reg.	118 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1863, cou.	118 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1864, cou.	116 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1864, cou.	120
U. S. 5-30 1865, reg.	116 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1865, cou.	121 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1865, reg. new.	119
U. S. 5-30 1865, cou.	119 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1867, reg.	119 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1867, cou.	120 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1868, reg.	119 1/2
U. S. 5-30 1868, cou.	120
U. S. 10-40 reg.	114 1/2
U. S. 10-40 cou.	114 1/2
U. S. 5s 1881 reg.	115 x in 115 1/2
U. S. 5s 1881 cou.	116 1/2

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

	Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Can. & Hudson Consolidated.	75 1/2	75 1/2
Lake Shore.	101 1/2	100 1/2
Park Island.	107 1/2	106 1/2
D. L. & W. Western.	45 1/2	44 1/2
Wabash.	77 1/2	75 1/2
Western Union Telegraph.	54	52 1/2
Northwestern.	do. Preferred.	69 1/2
Milwaukee & St. Paul.	42 1/2	41 1/2
do. Preferred.	60 1/2	60
Pacific Mail.	47 1/2	45 1/2
Erie.	29 1/2	26 1/2
St. Louis, Mississippi.	29 1/2	29 1/2
Union Pacific.	36 1/2	35 1/2
C. C. & Ind. Central.	32 1/2	31 1/2
Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Hannibal and St. Joseph.	32 1/2	31 1/2

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

Of the general features of trade there is little to say. The ordinary business of the season is going on quietly, and few changes in prices are taking place. The Wrecker combination has been broken, and these goods are now offered at irregular prices. Efforts to make a new arrangement have not been given up, but have as yet met with no success. Some of the trade in Philadelphia have been amusing themselves by a cut in Strap and T Hinges, which they have been selling at low prices. The fight has been entirely local, and we cannot learn of its having any effect in this market.

A meeting of the stockholders of Landers, Frary & Clark, to consider the question of rebuilding the Alton Works, lately destroyed by fire, was held this (Wednesday) afternoon at New Britain, Conn., the matter having been referred to them by the directors. After full discussion, it was voted by a large majority to rebuild at once. The officers have been engaged since the fire in perfecting plans, and will now move with the greatest activity. They declare

without hesitation that they will be ready for the early fall trade, and that all contracts will be let with forfeits heavy enough to secure this result beyond question.

The Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co. announce the following changes in the list prices of their Real Compression Bronze Goods, as they will appear in their new list now in press.

### Door Knobs.

No.	Pair. No.	Pair. No.	Pair. No.
20.	38.	38.	\$6.00 34.
21.	69.	69.	5.50 32.
22.	650.	31.	5.00 92.
23.	600.	32.	5.50 93.
24.	600.	33.	5.00

### Bell Pulls.

No.	Each. No.	Each. No.	Each. No.
18 1/2	\$4 50 35.	\$4 50 31.	\$2 50
19.	4 50 36.	4 50 33.	2 50
20.	4 50 37.	4 50 33.	2 50
21.	4 00 38.	4 00 34.	2 50
22.	4 00 39.	4 00 35.	2 50
23.	4 00 39.	4 00 35.	2 50
24.	4 50 30.	2 50	

### Bell Levers.

No. 50.	...\$2 50, each.

### Knobs and Cranks.

No.	Pair. No.	Pair. No.	Pair. No.
70.	\$4 50 419.	\$5 00 719.	\$4 50

### Escutcheons.

No.	Each. No.	Each. No.	Each. No.
70.	\$1 00 542.	\$1 50 714.	\$3 00
71.	1 00 543.	1 00 913.	3 00
72.	1 00 544.	1 00 914.	3 00
73.	2 75 746.	3 00 763.	2 50
74.	2 75 749.	1 00 970.	2 50
500.	1 25 750.	6 00 932.	9 00
501.	2 25 754.	6 00 978.	9 00
735.	2 50 756.	5 00	9 00

### Shutter Knobs.

No.	doz. No.	doz. No.	doz. No.
9.	\$175 12.	\$190 33.	\$2 50
11.	600 13.	600 00	

### Sash Lifts.</h

and see that they do not commit themselves more than they intend. We do not know how the circular of Hall, Kimbark & Co. was worded, but we judge it must have contained a formal offer to sell the goods mentioned at the specified price, so that Mr. Hall argued it was an offer made to him by the house sending it, and all that was needed was for him to accept the offer and name the quantity he would take. We have not yet had the opportunity of examining the law of the matter, but the practical lesson is plain. At another time we shall have something to say on the legal aspects of such cases. The very cursory examination we have been able to give to this subject has convinced us that the law is more stringent than is generally understood.

Charles E. Little, 50 Fulton street, is agent for Merchant's Improved Doweling Machines for Coopers' use, and quotes them as follows: No. 1, \$5.75; No. 2, \$6.00, each, discount 25 per cent. He also keeps in stock a full line of Coopers' and Slayers' Tools, Solid Cast Steel Pump Augers and Reamers (stamped "C. S. Little, New York,") Wood and Iron Truss Hoops and Darling, Brown & Sharpe's Machinists Tools. The following is the revised list of Coopers' Adzes, Handled:

No.....	4	3	2	1
	\$4.42	2.50	2.58	2.67

Discount 25 per cent.

On the 1st proximo the American Saw Company will remove their office from No. 1 Ferry street, New York, to their factory at Trenton, New Jersey. As most of our readers are aware, this company are proprietors of the patent for performing Saws, an improvement by which it is claimed gumming is entirely avoided, and a great saving effected both in labor and fles. We are pleased to learn that the up-hill and discouraging work which always attends the introduction of any important innovation on existing methods has been overcome, and perforated Saws, especially Cross Cuts, are rapidly gaining the popular favor, and may be considered a staple article in the trade. The company have established the following prices for perforated Cross Cuts with plain or fancy teeth (including "Champion"), for the ensuing season: Orders under 2 dozen, 65c. per foot, net; orders of 2 dozen and over, 65c. per foot, net. This is the regular price for these goods, and as the company aim to have the price uniform all over the country, they will in future decline to sell to any jobbing house that offer or sell these goods at better figures. The same company are introducing a novelty in Corn Knives, patented recently, and shown for the first time this season. The invention consists of a hook on the back of the knife, the utility of which is fully described in a circular which will be issued in a few days, and from which we extract the following: "The hook on the back of the knife enables the operator to raise the fallen stalks without stooping, and thus to perform much more work per day with much less fatigue than with any other knife. The hook is also of great advantage in bringing into the hand or arm those stalks that are too much scattered to be taken in at a single grasp." The knife is well finished, made from best quality of steel and warranted. The price has been fixed at \$5.75 per dozen, net, to the retail trade.

Sidney Shepard & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., have just issued their revised Catalogue for 1874. It is in book form and contains 264 pages, printed on fine tinted paper, cloth bound, and is as fully and comprehensively illustrated as any book of the kind which has come under our notice. The first ninety-three pages are devoted to goods of their own manufacture, such as Stamped and Japanned Tin Ware, Tin Toys, Tinnery, Trimmings and a miscellaneous assortment of House Furnishing Goods, Ice Cream Freezers, Patent Stove Boards, &c. The balance of the book is taken up with lists and illustrations of the principal goods sold by them, and of which they keep a stock. It is the intention of the publishers to supply one copy of this catalogue gratis to each of their regular customers, to be packed with their first order, or forwarded by express, as they may desire.

The removal of Benjamin Callender & Co. to their new store, No. 115 Milk street, Boston, has called forth some interesting reminiscences of an old Hardware House, which we copy from the Boston *Daily Advertiser* of the 7th instant.

The changes which the thoroughfares of trade have undergone since this house, which dates its commencement from the year 1800, has been in existence, is thus noticed by the *Advertiser*. The old firm of Jonathan and Edward Phillips began the hardware and cutlery jobbing business in that year at the corner of Union and Ann, now North street. In 1824 this was the oldest cutlery and hardware house in Boston. Mr. Benjamin Callender, at present the senior partner, entered the store of the Messrs. Phillips, then on Kilby street, during the latter part of that year. At this time Milk Water, High, Oliver, Federal, Franklin, Arch, Congress, Summer, Pearl and Chaney streets, and other thoroughfares in that locality, were mainly devoted to residences and surrounding grounds, owned and occupied by the more wealthy of the citizens of Boston. At the time of the great fire, which occurred on the night of Fast day, 1825, destroying many of the buildings situated on Doane, Kilby, Broad, Central and other streets in that locality, the store of the firm was severely set on fire, and was only saved by the most persistent efforts on the part of the firm and its employees. Edward Phillips, the senior partner of the house, died in 1827, and William T. Eustis bought out the stock and stand of the surviving partner, Jonathan Phillips. Mr. Callender was admitted to an interest in the new firm, the style of which was William T. Eustis & Co. Mr. Eustis, who was well known and highly respected in this city, retired some years since, and Mr. Callender became the senior partner. At the time of the great fire of 1872, when the firm was burnt out on Federal street, Mr. Callender had been in business, in what is now known as the burnt district, as long, if not longer, than any other merchant in Boston, and now enjoys the reputation of having been engaged in the hardware jobbing or distributing business for a longer period than

any other person in Boston. Commencing on Union street, the house has occupied stores on Kilby street, Liberty square, Pearl, Congress, Federal and Commercial streets. When the house was located on Kilby street, it was on the site now occupied by the Revere Copper Company. At that time the firm paid an annual rent of \$800, and because this was raised to \$1000, removed to Liberty square, where it rented a store for \$600. The store on Kilby street, for which \$1000 was then deemed an exorbitant rent, now rents for \$6000 per annum. The members of the firm as it now stands are Benjamin Callender, Francis D. Hall, Charles Bolles and George F. Wilder, all well qualified to sustain the prestige and character of the old house. In its line, the firm in the past has made no specialty of the goods kept on hand, but has offered, and will continue to offer, to its patrons a large and selected general stock of hardware, including cutlery and agricultural implements adapted to the wants of all sections of the country. The new store occupied by the firm is 125 feet deep by 30 broad, and comprises pleasant and commodious apartments well adapted for the display of goods on shelves or by sample, and in location and arrangement is one of the most convenient stores in Boston. The members of the firm will be pleased to meet their old patrons, and extend to all a cordial invitation to call upon them at their new store.

#### IRON.

**American Pig.**—We do not remember a time when the Iron market was characterized by more depression than at present. Notwithstanding the large number of furnaces out of blast, the quantity of Iron is increasing, and furnaces in distant parts of Pennsylvania and the interior of this State are pressing their Iron in this market. The best brands of Iron are held at our quotations, but for others these prices can be shaded. Lehigh Gray Forge is scarcer than any other grade, and is held strongly. It is reported that \$31.25 was offered for a large lot of Gray Forge of a prime Lehigh brand, without success. We quote for best Lehigh brands: No. 1 Foundry, \$35; No. 2 Foundry, \$32 @ \$33; Gray Forge, \$28 @ \$31.

**Scotch Pig.**—There is little doing, and prices are rather weaker than last week. Neither the position of trade here, nor the condition of things on the other side, is of a nature to reassure the holders of Scotch Iron. We note the sale of 500 tons Coltness on private terms. We quote: Coltness, \$39 @ \$40; Eglington, \$36.50 @ \$37; Glengarnock, \$38, though this brand has been quoted very irregularly.

**Bars.**—Pittsburgh mills are sending Iron here at 2.85 cents, delivered in New York. The best Philadelphia mills are holding at 3.25 cents, while smaller mills are selling at 3.1 cents. We quote Eastern mills 3.1 @ 3.3 cents.

**Rails.**—There have been no considerable transactions in foreign Rails. We note the sale of 100 tons on board, at \$42, gold. 2000 tons of American sold at \$58, currency, at mill. We quote \$58 @ \$60, currency, at mill.

**Old Rails.**—We quote without change, \$40 @ \$41, currency, and note the sale of 230 tons, Bridge and T mixed, deliverable in Baltimore, at \$40.50.

**Scrap.**—We quote \$41 @ \$42.50. Some Iron can be had at the lower price, while other lots are held at the higher.

#### BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for *The Iron Age*.)

WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1874.

**Scotch Pig.**—The market is quiet, with a declining demand. The amount of business is small, and prices are nominal. The following are makers' prices:

Coltress, No. 1.....	88
Glasgow, No. 1.....	86
Glengarnock, No. 1.....	85
Eglinton, No. 1.....	80/

**Manufactured Iron.**—Little doing. The demand is small, and prices are weak. We quote: Best Staffordshire, Bars, £11 @ £13.

**Rail.**—The market is dull, with slight demand and little business. Prices are weak. We quote Welsh, £9 @ £9.10.

**Failures.**—The failure of an extensive Glasgow operator is reported. Also that of Samuel Osborn, File and Steel manufacturer of Sheffield.

#### METALS.

**Copper.** A moderate amount of business has been transacted during the week, summing up some 50,000 pounds Lake on the spot in small lots, prices ranging from 24% to 25 cents. Parcels for future delivery are firmly held at from 24% to 25 cents from June to October, the latter included, but there is as yet no anxiety shown to operate at similar figures. There were rumors toward the close of some large transaction, amounting to several million pounds, having been or being consummated, part for immediate delivery and part forward. Should the transaction have been or be closed at the figure that was given us to understand, say, between 24% and 24% cents, the main holders of Copper here would find their position considerably strengthened, and the large purchase alluded to in our last issue would probably turn out to have been a well planned operation from its conception unless England should suddenly drop to so very low a figure that the importation of Copper would appear a promising venture. To-day's cable despatch from Liverpool reads as follows: "Heavy Chilean charters have depressed the European markets. It gives no quotation; we presume, therefore, that there is no change from last week's, £85 for Best Selected, and £74.10. for Chili Bars. The manufacturers of Copper have been well supported, as follows: Copper Bolts, 35 cents; Sheathing (over 12 oz.) 33 cents; Braziers (over 16 oz.) 35 cents. Yellow Metal unaltered at 24 cents per pound for Sheathing, and 30 cents per pound for Bolts, etc."

**Tin.**—The upward reaction in England alluded to as having set in, in our last, is making steady headway, and we trust the recovery may prove a lasting one. The losses since January 1st have been very heavy, and the metal seemed depressed to a level unreasonably low. On the 8th instant the London

quotation was £89 to £90 for common English, and £88 for Straits, while to-day it is £91 to £93 for the former, and £90 to £91 for Straits. The following is added in the despatch: "There is little obtainable at the enhanced rates, holders refusing to sell." The spot sales at New York during the week have been but small of any one kind, yet they have embraced all within the following quotations: Straits 24 cents, gold, Refined English at 21 1/2 @ 21 1/4 cents, and L & F, 20 @ 20 1/2 cents, while Banca commands 25 cents, all gold. The market is firm, but uninfluenced as yet by the gradual European improvement. The East India telegrams, dated Penang and Singapore, yesterday and to-day, go to prove, that the distant markets are looking up. The prices quoted are \$24 from Penang and \$25 at Singapore, with orders filling for American account at the latter place. The Singapore despatch adds: "The stocks here are quite light, and sellers are holding for full prices." Important telegraphic accounts are to hand to-day from the Welsh Tin districts. The strike had begun to affect production, 35 mills being on the strike, with no reconciliation in immediate prospect and more mills giving notice. The presumption is, that it will take from a month to six weeks ere reconciliation can be effected. Our Tin Plate market has not been favorably influenced by the strike as yet, but is firm; eventually it may improve by reason of a temporarily curtailed production. Sales of Tin Plates for the week, 1800 boxes at quotations, We quote the same as follows: I. C. Charcoal, \$10.25 @ \$10.50; I. C. Coke, \$7.75 @ \$8; Coke Terne, \$6.75 @ \$7.75; and Charcoal Terne, \$9 @ \$9.75, all gold.

**Lead.**—Although some 500 tons of domestic were reported sold since our last, at 6c. gold, we have been unable to trace the transaction to a reliable source; the market has, on the contrary, been devoid of all animation; higher prices, it is true, are asked, but nothing transpires. The market closes dull at the following nominal rates: Domestic, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/4 c., gold; common foreign, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/4 c.; fine foreign, 7 @ 7 1/2 c., all gold; and American refined, 7 1/2 c., currency. The latter is gaining in popularity daily, and on the whole it cannot be denied that domestic Lead is fast and seriously superseding the foreign product in our market, an encouraging sign of our growing importance as a Lead producing country. We have taken great pains to procure some reliable data about its present production in Spain, and have corresponded with people at Malaga, in the business, for this purpose. All we have been able to gather upon the subject of Peninsular production of late years will be found on another page of this issue. We hear that the production of "Silver Bearing Lead" in Spain is at present much neglected; that common Lead they produce as heretofore, whenever prices in England and here permit doing so—which they do not at present. There is but a scanty stock of Lead in first hands in Europe, hence a lack of cable quotations. The stock in first hands is also quite light here. All will depend on our production; if we produce an unusually large quantity this year, present prices will be high enough for the balance of the year. The manufacturers of Lead are steady at the following rates: Bar, 8 1/2 c.; Sheet and Pipe, 9c.; and Tin Lined Pipe, 16 1/2 c., with a 10 per cent. discount to the trade.

**Spelter and Zinc.**—The sales have been 100 tons Missouri at \$6.90, currency, the 100 pounds, and 50 tons Silesian at 6 1/2 c., gold, per pound. We quote domestic, 7c., currency, and Silesian, 6 1/2 @ 6 1/4 c., gold. Stocks here of both foreign and domestic are light, and it is thought that the market will look up again as soon as Europe recovers from the consequences of the industrial crisis still going on there. Nothing of special interest has transpired in Sheet Zinc, which we nominally quote as heretofore, 8 1/2 @ 8 1/4 c., gold, for Silesian and Moselleman Sheet, and 8 1/4 c. for Western.

**Antimony** is steady but quiet at 12% @ 12 1/4 c., gold, asking figure.

#### OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

**Bronze.** Business in this market has somewhat improved since last week. Prices are about the same, however, with the exception of Oakum Junk, No. 2, which has advanced 1/4 cent per pound. White Linen Rags and Canvas Cotton No. 1 continue still in good demand. There was also an increased demand this week for Hemp and Grass Rope. There is but little call for old Metals. The market is still overstocked, and the dealers are unable to dispose of their accumulations. The purchasing prices offered by the dealers are as follows:

**Old Metals.**—Copper, 18c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 13c.; Brass, 13c. @ 14c.; Composition, heavy, 14c. @ 15c.; Lead, solid, 5 1/2 c.; Tea Lead, 5c.; Zinc, 4c. @ 5c.; Pewter, No. 1, 21c.; do., No. 2, 8c. @ 12c.; Spelter, 5c. @ 5 1/2 c.; Cast, do., 5c. @ 1c.; Machinery, do., 1c.

**Cotton.**—Canvas, Linen, 5c. @ 5 1/2 c.; do. Cotton, No. 1, 6c. @ 6 1/2 c.; No. 2, 2 1/2 c.; White, No. 1, 6 1/2 c.; No. 2, 4c.; Colored, do., 2c. @ 3c.; Mixed, Woolen, 2c. @ 2 1/2 c.; Soft, do., 6c.; Gunny Bagging, 1 1/2 c. @ 1 1/4 c.; Jute Butts, 1 1/2 c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c. @ 3 1/2 c.; Book Stock, 3 1/2 c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1 1/2 c.; Book Stock, 3 1/2 c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c.; Grass Rope, 3 1/2 c.

#### COAL.

The coal market is without any definite change this week. Prices of Anthracite remain the same as quoted in our last report, and dealers say that there will be no change of consequence until the 20th of this month. The domestic trade has been very dull this week; retail dealers are not laying in their stocks as fast as was anticipated, and are only purchasing for their immediate wants. This seems to be a mistaken policy, as prices are now lower than

they will be hereafter during the shipping season. Dealers are acting with more caution than prudence.

The dealers in Bituminous Coal complain of dullness in business, although several large sales are reported. Prices remain without change. The quotations for Anthracite are \$5 to \$6, by the cargo; and for Gas Coals the rates are: West Virginia, \$8; Cumberland, soft, \$7 @ \$7.25; Westmoreland Gas, \$7.50 @ \$8.

The prices for Cumberland Coal at the different shipping points, f. o. b. are as follows: Baltimore, \$5; Georgetown, \$4.75; South Amboy, \$6.75.

The demand for foreign is limited, and prices are nominal. The quotations are: Liverpool House Cannon, \$20; Liverpool Gas, \$11; Newcastle Gas, \$12 @ \$13; Scotch, \$9.50.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Railroad during the week ending April 11, 1874, amounted to 4421 tons, as against 5276 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 855 tons. Over the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 42,955 tons, against 50,612 tons shipped in 1873, a decrease of 7656 tons.

#### IMPORTATIONS.

Or Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending April 14, 1874:

#### Hardware.

Lang W. Bailey & Co.  
Boker Hermann & Co.  
Caskets, 33  
Maces, 18  
Arms, ca. 18  
Bedell D. S.  
Cases, 1  
Beam & Murray,  
Mdes. pkgs. 4  
Carlyle W. A.  
Cutlery, 1  
Field A. & Co.  
Gaskets, 1  
Cases, 5  
Hayden & Tompkins,  
Caes., 1  
Hildick A. H.  
Hillock, Mdes. pkgs., 15  
Hillock E. & Sons,  
Mdes. pkgs., 7  
Hyatt & Spencer,  
Chains, ca., 1  
Cases, 2  
Hans A.  
Arms, ca. 1  
Harmer Wm. & Co.  
Karche & Downing,  
Cases, 4  
Lamarche H.  
Arms, ca. 3  
Lau & Garthick,  
Mdes. pkgs., 2  
Lennox E. S.  
Wire rods, 280  
Liddle & Kardine,  
Cases, 2  
Massey W. & Co.  
Wire rope, coils, 10  
Moore's J. P. Sons,  
Arms, ca., 10  
McIlvaine J. R.  
Cases, 1  
Phelps Bloom & Brown,  
Cases, 1  
Rusell & Erwin Mfg. Co.  
Pipes, ca. 3  
Schoveling & Daly,  
Guns, ca. 9  
Mdes. pkgs., 4  
Tillotson L. G. & Co.  
Galy. wire, lots, 300  
Windmuller L. & Roelker  
Arms, ca. 2  
Weber F.  
Arms, 100  
Cases, 1  
Cutlery, ca. 1  
Chains, cks., 5  
Order,  
Cases, 2  
**Iron.**  
Crocker Bros.  
Pig. tons, 100  
Fielmann & Co.  
Plates, pkgs., 100

Lang W. Bailey & Co.  
Tubes, 74  
Mdes. pkgs

200 tons gray forge, neutral.....	27'00	cash.
200 tons gray forge, short.....	28'50	4 mos.
100 tons gray forge, neutral.....	28'00	4 mos.
50 tons white and mottled.....	26'50	4 mos.
50 tons No. 1 foundry.....	35'00	4 mos.
20 tons No. 1 foundry.....	30'00	4 mos.
<b>ANTHRACITE.</b>		
40 tons No. 1 foundry.....	\$32'00	4 mos.
90 tons white and mottled.....	27'00	5 mos.
100 tons mottled.....	27'00	5 mos.
<b>COKE FOUNDRY.</b>		
90 tons No. 1 foundry.....	\$31'00	4 mos.
<b>HANGING ROCK CHARCOAL.</b>		
99 tons No. 2 foundry.....	\$37'00	4 mos.
26 tons No. 1 foundry.....	\$41'00	@ 42'00 4 mos.
90 tons cold blast.....	62'00	@ 65'00 4 mos.

**CLEVELAND.**

APRIL 13, 1874.—For the past fortnight we have experienced a duller Pig Iron market than at any time since the panic, excepting perhaps the interval immediately following the crash. Foundry Bituminous Irons have been in light demand, prices ranging from \$33 to \$35 for No. 1, according to brand, and \$31 to \$32 for No. 2. Gray Forge has ranged from \$27 to \$30, sales being noted at \$28'50 in some quantity, on 4 months. Consumers are adverting generally to the "hand-to-mouth" policy, as it is called, and are buying only for immediate consumption. There has been considerable activity in the Lake Superior Charcoal Pig market. The Bessemer Steel Companies, generally, are asking for bids. Prices remain at \$40 for Nos. 1 and 2. Car Wheel and Malleable grades are without special interest, prices being about the same, viz.: No. 3, \$45'50; Nos. 4, 5 and 6, \$48'50. Scotch Pig has not been in demand, except for moderate amounts. Prices for Eglinton and Clyde remain at \$40.

**CINCINNATI.**

MESSRS. ADDY, HULL & CO., under date of April 13, write us as follows: The market continues quiet without material change in prices. Demand for Foundry grades improves slightly, but buyers are evidently hoping for still lower prices. Car Wheel Irons are in very light demand, and quotations for this grade are nominal.

**HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.**

Hanging Rock No. 1, 1/2 ton.	\$36'00	@ 38'00 4 mos.
" " " No. 2.....	33'00	@ 37'00 4 mos.
" " " Forge.....	33'00	@ 36'00 4 mos.
Tennessee No. 1.....	33'00	@ 36'00 4 mos.
" " " Forge.....	30'00	@ 32'00 4 mos.
Alabama No. 1.....	31'00	@ 36'00 4 mos.
Missouri No. 1.....	38'00	@ 39'00 4 mos.
" " " No. 2.....	35'00	@ 36'00 4 mos.

**HOT BLAST STONE COAL.**

Missouri No. 1.....	1/2 ton.	\$25'00	@ 37'00 4 mos.
" " " Forge.....	30'00	@ 31'00 4 mos.	
Ohio No. 1.....	23'00	@ 36'00 4 mos.	
" " " Forge.....	30'00	@ 31'00 4 mos.	
Scotch Pig, No. 1.....	..	..	

**COLD BLAST CHARCOAL.**

Hanging Rock Carb Wheel 1/2 ton.	\$25'00	@ 60'00 4 mos.
Missouri " "	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Kentucky " "	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Tennessee " "	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Georgia " "	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Alabama " "	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Machinery and Forge.....	55'00	@ 57'00 4 mos.
Blooms.....	100'00	@ 110'00 4 mos.

**LOUISVILLE.**

MR. GEO. H. HULL, under date of April 13, writes us as follows: The market is quiet but steady. There is no immediate prospect of the mills resuming work, and Forge Irons are not available at quotations. Foundry and Car Wheel Irons are in moderate request to supply immediate wants. The usual time, 4 mos., is allowed on the quotations below.

**HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.**

No. 1 F'dry, from Hanging Rock Ores.....	\$38'00	@ 40'00
" " " " .....	34'00	@ 36'00
1 Forge, " " .....	31'00	@ 32'00
1 F'dry, from Tennessee Ores.....	35'00	@ 40'00
" " " " .....	32'00	@ 33'00
1 Forge, " " .....	30'00	@ 31'00
1 F'dry, from Alabama Ores.....	35'00	@ 38'00
Iron Mountain Ores.....	41'00	@ 42'00

**HOT BLAST STONE COAL.**

No. 1 F'dry, from Missouri Ores.....	\$44'00	@ 36'00
" " " " .....	32'00	@ 33'00
1 Forge, " " .....	30'00	@ 31'00

**COLD BLAST CHARCOAL.**

Car Wheel from Hanging Rock Ores.....	60'00	@ 63'00
" " Tennessee Ores.....	53'00	@ 55'00
" " Alabama Ores.....	55'00	@ 57'00
" " Georgia Ores.....	55'00	@ 57'00
" " Missouri Ores.....	58'00	@ 57'00
" " Kentucky.....	55'00	@ 57'00

**BALTIMORE.**

MESSRS. WYETH & BROTHER, Iron and Steel merchants, South Charles and Lombard streets, report us the following prices under date of April 14, 1874: Trade has slightly improved during the past week, but the prevailing feature is still dullness for the season, and we quote the list as unchanged, and the market quiet.

**AMERICAN REFINED BAR IRON.**

1 to 6 wide by 3/4 to 1 thick.....	1 1/2 to 3 to 3-1/2	per lb.
1 to 4 1/2 wide by 1 1/2 to 2 thick.....	1 to 2 to 3 to 4	per lb.
3/4 to 2 inclusive.....	3 to 10	to 3 to 3-1/2
Horn Iron, 1 1/2 wide upward.....	4 to 5c.	per lb.
Broad Bar, 1 1/2 to 4 in. wide 4 to 4 1/2c.	4 to 5c.	per lb.
Horse Shoe Iron 3/4 to 1 wide by 3/4 to 1/2 thick.....	4 1/2 to 5c.	per lb.
Norway Nail Rods.....	73 to 83c.	per lb.
Black Diamond Cast Steel, Plates, Squares and Octagon, ordinary sizes.....	16c.	per lb.
Machinery Steel.....	11 1/2c.	per lb.
Cast Spring Steel.....	11c.	per lb.
Homogeneous Steel Plate.....	13c.	per lb.
Perkins' Horse Shoes, per kg. of 100 lbs.....	\$5.97 1/2	per lb.
Common Horse Nails, from 14c. to 18c. per pound.	6-6 1/2c.	per lb.
Putnam Horse Nails.....	23 24 25 26 28c. per lb.	per lb.
Globe Horse Nails.....	23 24 25 26 28c. per lb.	per lb.
R. R. Spikes.....	5c. by 9-16 at 3 1/2c. to 4c. per lb.	per lb.

**FRANCE.**

(Moniteur des Intérêts Matériels).

PARIS, March 29, 1874.—Metals.—We have but to repeat what we said about the European metal markets last week: nothing doing worth while reporting and the general tendency one of increasing weakness. Copper in England is bad, but feebly supported and fluctuates; Chile Bars, good ordinary bars, £76.10; best bars £78 to £80; Tough Cables and Ingots, £83 to £86; Best Selected Ingots, £87 to £92; Burra Burra and Wallaroo Cake, £86 to £87; Yellow Metal, 8½d. per pound. Paris is inanimate, with prices slightly lower for all sorts. Chile Bars, deliverable at Havre, 308 francs; Ingots, 217½; English Tough, 217; and Corcoran ore, 210. The heavy charges, Viz., 20 to 25 per cent, have also affected the Hamburg market, which has become weak, with Chilean and Peruvian Bars, 300 to 310 francs. In Germany not much change has occurred: consumption from all appearances is on the increase, but prices might be firmer. There is greater strength, however, at Berlin, and good sorts command from 20% to 30% thalers the 50 kilos. Hamburg is inanimate; Minnesota there, 120 marks. The Dutch market of the present session averaged 1735 guilders per Banca, while Billiton ranged from 83½ to 54. Banca has since been fluctuating in Holland between 54 and 53, July falling down to 51. Banca at London, £92; English in Slabs and Ingots, £94; Rods in barrels, £95; Refined, £96. Straits' cash £90 10/- 3 months, prompt, £90 to £91. Paris has, on the whole, been quiet, with a declining tendency; Banca deliverable here or at Havre, 262½ francs; Slabs, 247½, and English at Havre, 264½ francs. Negotiations at Marseilles at nominally 250 francs for Banca. Little doing in Germany, and values irregular at Berlin, Banca, 35 to 35½ thalers; at Hamburg, 12½ to 13 marks. Lead.—The firmness of

holders on the one hand, and the reserve of consumers on the other, restricted business in this during the week. Prices have not shown much steadiness. English Pig on the spot at London, £22 to £22.5; English Soft, V. & S., London or Havre £22 to £22.10/- French Lead at Paris, 54 francs; Spanish at Havre, 55; English, 55; Belgian and German here, 54%. Marseilles, which up to quite recently took for the time being the lead in determining the value of the metal, has relapsed into apathy with it. German, Sp. Her.—Silesian spot, at London, £22 to £22.10/- at Birmingham, £23, with some business doing at both places. At Paris there is no improvement, notwithstanding the return of spring weather. We quote Silesian at Havre, 60 francs; other goods here or at Havre, 59. Marseilles is the decline. Nothing is transacted in Germany, where prices are nominally unaltered, while the tendency is to fall. The same is true of the iron trade. Most of our works are occupied in filing some small orders. Yet there is a ray of light and better times are looked forward to with greater confidence. Greater firmness is thus imparted to iron values. Wrought Iron in particular, Pig Iron still forming an exception, continuing, as it does, with a downward turn, not likely to obtain relief until the end of the year. The miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Briefly, the cause of the strike will be of long duration, the masters being quite firm, and practically indifferent to the result of closing the works for month or two. The Staffordshire miners are either more determined, or not so well advised. No less than 12,000 of these colliers came out on strike on Saturday morning, under circumstances which have been fully detailed in my previous communications. Brief

## The Mineral Resources of Texas.

We take the following from a recent report on the mineral resources of Texas:

## IRON ORE.

The iron deposits of Northwestern Texas are of the most remarkable character, equaling in extent and richness those of Sweden, Missouri, New Jersey, and New York. They include almost every variety, magnetic, spathic, specular and hematite ores. The largest deposits of magnetic iron ores are situated in Mason, Llano, and more western counties. Immense loose masses of ore lie scattered over the surface, which have been upheaved by igneous agencies from unknown depths below. Most of these deposits are in true veins. As no true metallic vein has ever been traced downward to its termination, the supply is inexhaustible. The analysis of an average specimen gave 96-99 per cent. of oxide of iron, with 2-18 per cent. of insoluble siliceous substances, proving it to be magnetic oxide, which will yield 74-93 pounds of metallic iron, to the 100 pounds of ore.

## COAL.

The coal-bearing rocks of Texas occupy an area of not less than 6000 square miles, embracing the counties of Jack, Young, Palo, Pinto, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Callahan, Coleman, and extending to the Territory of Bexar. The rocks contain the characteristics belonging to the coal measures of Missouri and other Western States.

In general appearance this coal resembles that of Belleville, Illinois. The analysis gives: Fixed carbon, 52 per cent.; volatile matter, 36 per cent.; ashes, 3 per cent. It cokes with a great flame, without changing its form. The development of this valuable mineral is destined to be of great importance to the State.

Anthracites, lighter and more brittle than those of Pennsylvania, have been found in various parts of the State, but I had no opportunity to visit the localities. Lignites, tertiary, and other coals of more recent origin, occupy an area of 10,000 square miles—in connection with the true formation—at many points on the Rio Grande, in Webb, Atascosa, and Frio counties. They are mostly soft, sulphurous and ashy, but superior to German brown coals.

## COPPER.

Copper, covering as it does a large area of country, is almost inexhaustible, and will afford a vast fund of wealth for generations to come. A large portion of the counties of Archer, Wichita, Clay, Haskell, Territory of Bexar, counties of Pecos and Presidio, extending to the Rio Grande, is filled with immense hills of copper ore, some of which has been thoroughly tested, and will yield on the average 55-40 per cent. of metal. Through some particular localities specimens have been found as rich as 68 per cent., containing beside some silver, oxide of iron, etc.

Explorations of the copper veins over the summits and sides of the hills, justify the conclusion that within the extent of one degree of longitude, along the little Wichita River, hardly a tract of 160 acres could be found without large accumulations of ore upon the surface. The vein leads are parallel with the strata, but here is sufficient evidence that they partake of the nature of true veins.

## LEAD AND SILVER.

These two metals are always associated together in this State. The calciferous sand rock, which is the lead-bearing rock of Missouri, abounds in Texas, and the varieties found in it here are carbonate of lead, sulphuret of lead, and molybdate of lead. The former two always contain such large quantities of silver as to be considered silver ore. A sample from a three feet vein in Llano county, gave a yield of 286 ounces of silver, 74-45 per cent. of lead. It is the carbonate of lead in combination with the sulphuret, and, owing to the large percentage of the former, will be very easily reduced. The indications are very favorable for a large quantity and excellent quality of ore. With a well developed mining industry established here, no other country could compete with this region, so far as regards fuel, construction timber, and materials for building and sustaining a railroad.

## MANGANESE, COBALT, NICKEL AND BISMUTH.

Leads of manganese, cobalt, nickel and bismuth are often met with. The copper ore contains only 25 per cent. of impurities, is far superior to the ferro-sulphuret of copper, or copper pyrites generally worked for in England, and in native copper ores, as found at Lake Superior. It is easily smelted, and the strata in which it is found is more easily excavated than any other in which copper ores occur.

## PETROLEUM.

Petroleum springs occur over a space of about fifty square yards in Hardin county, and it is probable that larger supplies may be obtained by boring.

## A New Iron Works at Milwaukee.

Messrs. Bayley & Greenslade, proprietors of the Union Iron Works, at Milwaukee, Wis., have just completed a new and commodious establishment, which is an important addition to the city. The new works comprise the foundry, 40x70 feet, connected with which are an engine room, cupola house, and a number of side buildings, the blacksmith shop, 40x60, and the finishing shop, which is 36x70 feet, and contains three stories and basement, the latter supplemented by extensive vaults under the sidewalk. The third story of the finishing shop is the pattern room. From an inspection of the stock stored here, one gets an idea of the extent and variety of a business which has so many departments as never to know what a dull season is. There are, in the first place, all varieties of building work, cast and wrought, from a heavy column to a light ridge cresting. Then jail work, such as vaults, vault doors, cells, bolt work and blacksmith's work; then stair work; then cemetery work, fences and railings,

garden seats, vases and statuary, and finally stable fittings. Many of these articles are designed at the works, and others are prepared from the drawings of architects.

The number of hands employed will average sixty. An enumeration of the most important works completed by the concern includes the wrought and cast work of the new court house—dome, columns, porticos and railings to the amount of \$75,000; the vaults of the First National bank of this city, jail work at Winona and Fairbault, Minn., at Grand Haven, Grand Rapids and Bay City, Mich., La Grange, Indiana, and Jefferson, Wis.; a light house at Grosse Point, Ill., the insane asylum work at Elgin, Ill., and Oshkosh, Wis., and gas works at South Bend, Ind., and Racine and Janeville, in this State. They have under contract at present the jail work for Dunn county, Wis., Nicollet county, Minn., and 70 new cells for the House of Correction at Milwaukee. They are also engaged upon the insane asylum at St. Peters, Minn. With all this they have done some of the most valuable work upon the new water works buildings at North Point. The roof for the engine house, which is now being put on, is the largest iron roof in Wisconsin. It is a hip roof 88 feet long, 17 high and with a span of 66 feet. It is composed of angle and bar iron and weighs 35 tons. It was designed by Mr. Wm. Melms.

## Needles.

The European manufacture of needles was originally carried on in Spain, yet it is to Germany that the mother country is indebted for them. When first exported from Germany they were earliest made in England in 1565, their manufacture, however, languished until the year 1650, when it revived. During the reign of Henry VIII. the London Needle Makers' Company was established and its charter was confirmed by the Protector in November, 1565, and subsequently by Charles II. in 1664. It is rather remarkable that so important a branch of industry did not earlier receive more decided encouragement. As now manufactured the piece of wire, which is ultimately transformed into a needle, is subjected to no less than thirty distinct and painstaking processes before it reaches completion. In the first place we see the wire in huge coils, which are cut by immense shears. The wire is again cut into the different sizes required, each length being so divided as to make two needles. Several thousands of these lengths are then placed within two rings, about six inches in diameter, made of rough wrought iron, and are then straightened by being rubbed with a hot iron. The wire is next pointed at either end, a beautiful process to witness, innumerable sparks being emitted during the operation, caused by the friction of the grindstone and wire, and which resemble a shower of golden fire. Some idea of the rapidity with which this is effected may be formed when it is stated that one man is expected to point 22 packets of 50,000 each in a week. The next process is that of brightening the middle portion of the wire, previously to stamping, that is roughly shaping the head and eye, without actually perforating the wire. "Eying," as it is called, is the next stage, and is done by girls with extraordinary rapidity and accuracy; a smart hand can punch as many as 40,000 in a working day of ten hours. They are now split, which consists in two thin wires being thrust through the eye, this operation is always allotted to boys. The reader must now suppose the needles in "sheets" which have next to be filed, that is, the flange formed by punching the eye is filed off, the sheets are broken in two, now first forming the distinct needle. The heads are now again filed and the needles then rubbed and hardened; next washed and "evened," that is they are sorted into particular lengths, and are now ready for "tempering," perhaps the most delicate operation of all, and which is always superintended by one of the firm. Picking, straightening and scouring follow, which latter operation, by the way, comprises about fourteen different processes and extends over a fortnight.

## Artificial Flowers of Tin.

In a recent number of a Berlin journal we find the following directions for making accurate copies of natural flowers and leaves from ordinary sheet tin: The method is somewhat similar to that employed for wax flowers, but the dyes, of course, require to be made of stronger material. The leaf, or petal to be copied, is first oiled on one side and then laid lightly upon dry plaster Paris, or very fine sand, in such a manner that the oiled surface is uppermost. A little bank of clay is built around it, and the mixture of plaster Paris and water poured in, care being taken to remove the air bubbles with a soft brush. Instead of plaster Paris paste, melted stearine, mixed with powdered gypsum, may be employed where the leaves are quite thick and strong. Very delicate leaves must first be painted over with a brush dipped in soap water, after which several thin layers of plaster Paris are applied with a brush, fine wire being introduced if necessary to give it firmness. The leaves thus prepared are either oiled and used to make plaster casts, or they may be coated with black lead and have copper deposited upon them by electricity. The upper stamp having been formed, the matrix, or lower stamp, is easily made from this. The tin is first cut in the required shape, either by hand or by a suitable die, and then pressed into the required shape between iron or steel stamps, cast after the plaster models just described. Each of the pieces required to form a flower, having been prepared separately, they are carefully soldered together, a stem and leaves added, and the whole object so bent and twisted as to avoid the appearance of stiffness. They may finally be painted with the natural colors, and varnished. These tin flowers are especially adapted to fountains and similar purposes.



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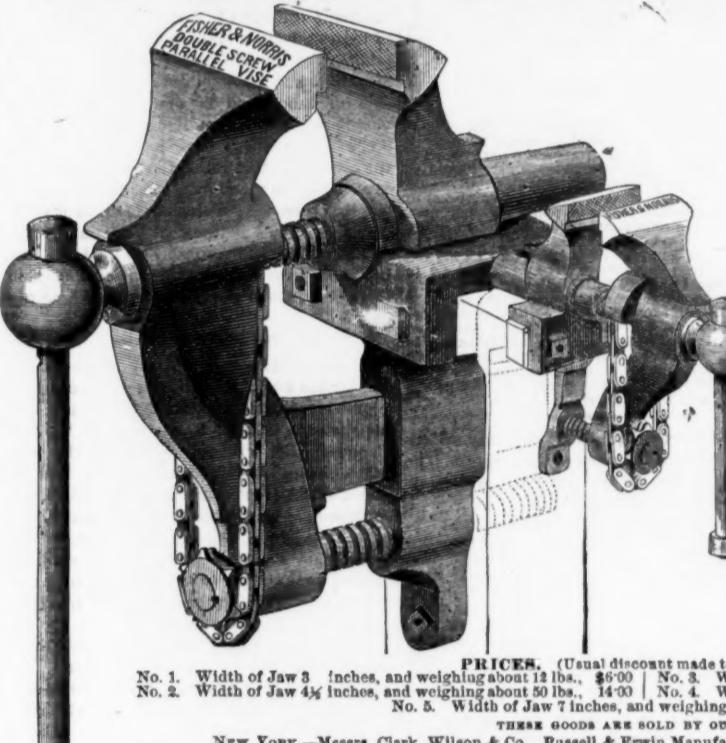
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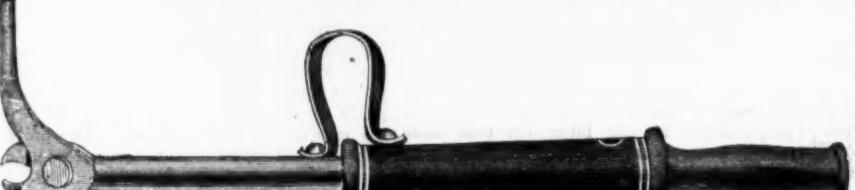
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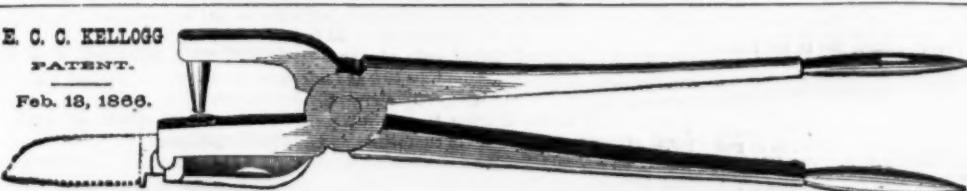
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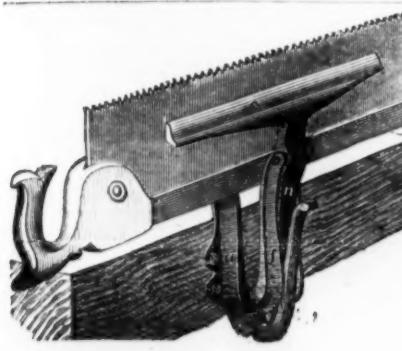
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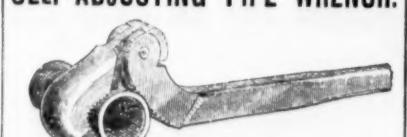
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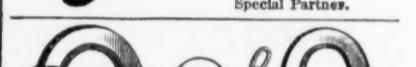
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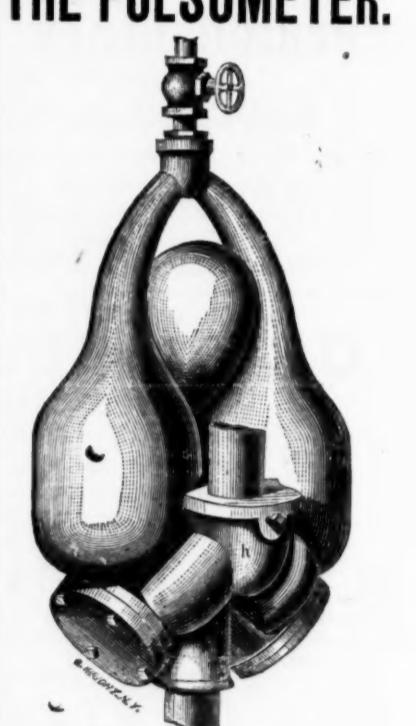
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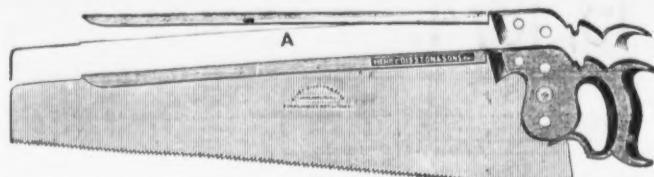
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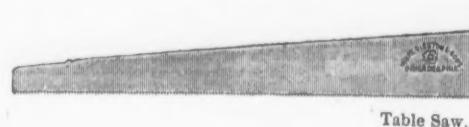
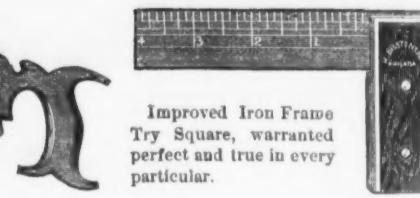


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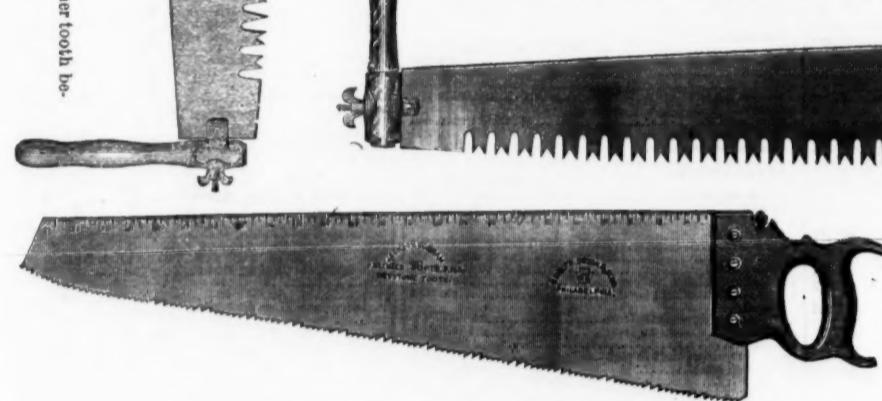
### The Great American.

The outer teeth of each section are as sharp and effective cutting teeth as the teeth of a Rip Saw, while the middle or regulating tooth determines the extent of the cut in proportion to the bevel of said tooth. The more you bevel the center tooth the faster the Saw cuts, whereas, if the center tooth be filed square the Saw takes less hold on your log, and requires less muscle to drive it. Thus you can regulate your Saw to suit the strength of the parties working it.

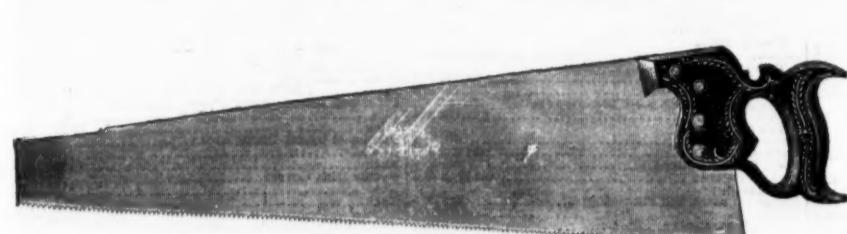


### The Lumberman.

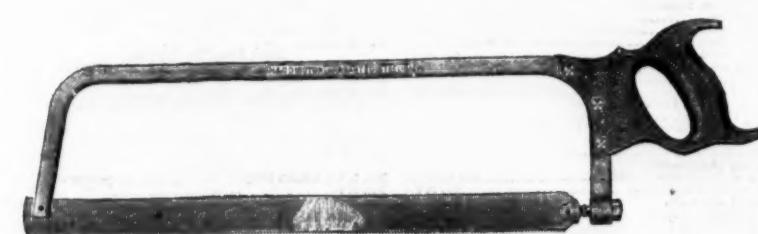
Is greatly preferred in some sections of the country, and can be easily kept in order if filed according to directions, when so many of the fast cutting saws of the present day must lose their shape and cannot be kept in order.



A cheap Saw, fully guaranteed. Six tools in one. Adapted to farmers' or plantation use. A Rip and Cross-Cut Saw, Square, Rule, Straight Edge and Scratch Awl combined.



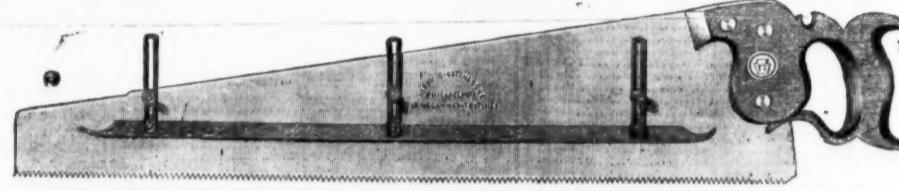
Game Cock Hand Saw—a perfect beauty.



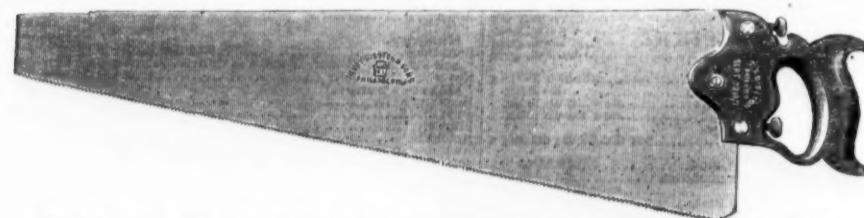
No. 1 Butcher Saw.



Hack Saw. The blade in this saw is reversible, an advantage which will be readily appreciated by mechanics.



Patent Adjustable Gauge Saw for sawing tenons, kerfing, or any work where the cut is required to be of definite depth. Will pay for itself in one day. Try it and be convinced. Remove the gauge and use as an ordinary saw.



Hand Saw with adjustable handle. The thumb screws in the handle operate on the butt of the saw blade, and can be so adjusted as to give the blade any desired pitch.



California Butcher Saw, with clock spring blade and steel back.

**The Nonpareil.**  
The Nonpareil, of which the accompanying cut is a representation, is composed of sections of four cutting teeth, each section intersected by a cleaner tooth. It will be observed that the cavities on each side of the cleaner teeth are much larger and deeper than those of the cutting teeth, serving as a receptacle or chamber for dust, and effectually freeing the saw during the operation of cutting.

# New York Wholesale Prices, April 15, 1874.

## HARDWARE.

<b>Axes.</b>	
Sold Cast Steel...	\$ 14
Wright's, " 10 lb gold 12c; over 25 lbs 12c, gold	
Armit'se's Mouse Hole...	gold 11c
Wilkinson's...	gold 11c
Eight oz. " 10c currency...	dis 15 @ 15c &
<b>Apple Pairs.</b>	
Turn Table...	\$ 30 90 per doz
Lighting...	\$ 30 90 per doz
Conqueror...	\$ 30 90 per doz
Reading...	\$ 30 90 per doz
Union...	\$ 30 90 per doz
Bay State, Faring, Curving and Slicing...	15.00 per doz
Skeleton...	9.00 5 5
Climax Slicer...	11.00 11 50
Banbury Patch Paper...	9.00 5 5
Lighting...	11.00 11 50
Peach Stone and Halver...	7.00
<b>Anglers and Bits.</b>	
Smith Mfg. Co...	dis 15 @ 30
Dunlap Jennings...	dis 10 4
Douglas Mfg. Co., No. 1...	Hollow Augers
Cushman's Expanding Hollow Augers...	dis 30 10 3
Ives' Auger Bits...	dis 30 10 3
Gouge Lip Augers and Bits...	dis 30 10 3
Hollow Augers...	dis 30 10 3
Expansive Hollow Augers...	dis 30 10 3
Auger Bits...	dis 25
Andrews' Bits...	dis 15 5
Clark's Expansive Bits...	dis 15 5
Cook's Patent Augers...	dis 40 2
Shepardson's Double Cut Bits...	dis 20 5
Griswold's Patent...	dis 20 5
Caststeel Cut Augers...	dis 30 10 5
Auger Bits...	dis 20 5
Gimlet Bits...	dis 10 10 5
Long Augers...	new list dis 30 5
Bonney's Patent Hollow...	\$ 48 per doz
Stearns...	\$ 48 per doz
Morris' Bit Stock Drill...	dis 20 5
Nobles Mfg. Co. C. Cut Augers...	dis 30 10 5
Watrous' Sub Augers...	dis 10 5
Vaughan's Post Hole...	6 in. \$23 60; 9 in. \$28 per doz
<b>Axes.</b>	
Blunt...	\$12 50 @ 14 00
Hunt's...	\$ 10 00 @ 17 50 net @ doz 5 5
Collins'...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Hurd's...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Rich's...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Simmons'...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Morris'...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Red Jacket...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Mann's...	Double Bitted...
Fowell Tool Co., " Peerless"...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Underhill's...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Crown...	
John Lovett...	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
Nobles Mfg. Co. S. B. D. B.	\$ 10 00 @ 15 50 net @ doz 5 5
<b>Balances.</b>	
Chapman's...	new list dis 15 5
Frary's...	new list dis 15 5
Morton's...	new list dis 15 5
<b>Bands.</b>	
new list dis 50 5	
Price's...	
Iron King...	new list dis 15 5
Brass (Plated list)...	new list dis 50 10 5
Orifice...	new list dis 50 5
<b>Bells.</b>	
House Night Brass...	dis 60 10 @ 65 5
White Metal...	dis 60 10 @ 65 5
Gl. B...	dis 15 5
Abbe's...	dis 10 5
Taylor's Patent...	dis 20 5
Western Gong...	dis 10 5
Brook's Crank...	dis 10 5
" Pull..."	dis 10 5
Hart Mfg. Co. " Pull..."	dis 20 5
Cook's Common Wrought...	dis 10 5
Conway's Common Wrought...	dis 10 5
Feeler's...	dis 10 5
Kettles...	dis 10 5
Blind Fasteners...	\$ gross \$14 00
Van Saun's Patent...	\$ gross \$14 00
Merriman's...	\$ gross \$14 00
Blind Staples...	\$ 57 c
Boardman's Patent, 1/2 in. and larger...	42 c
Bolts.	
Carriage and Tire, Attna Nut Co...	dis 60 5
Stove, Attna Nut Co...	dis 60 5
Cast Iron Nut...	dis 60 5
Wrought Iron Barrel...	new list dis 50 10
" Square..."	new list dis 50 10
Wrought Iron Flush...	dis 10 5
Carriage and Tire, Attna Nut Co...	dis 10 5
" Norway Iron...	dis 10 5
Star, Philadelphia...	dis 50 @ 50 5
Eagle, Philadelphia...	dis 50 @ 50 5
Philadelphia Pattern, " W. & C. W."	dis 50 @ 50 5
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No. 1, 5 <i>1/2</i> inches long.	Tinned.	per gross, \$4.25
No. 2, 6	"	4.50
No. 3, 6 <i>1/2</i>	"	4.75
No. 4, 7 <i>1/2</i>	"	5.00
No. 5, 8	"	5.50
No. 6, 9	"	5.75
Japaned.	per lb.	16
Tinned.		20
Iron Kettle, Extra (P. & W.).		dis 45%
Half gross pairs in a package.		

**METALS.**

**IRON.**—DUTY: Bars, 1 to 1*1/2* cents per lb.; Sheet, Band, Hoop and Scroll, 1*1/2* to 1*3/4* cents per lb. Provided, that none of the above Iron shall pay less rate of duty than 35 per cent. Pig, \$7 per ton; Polished Sheets, 3 cents per lb.; Tin, 1*1/2* cents per lb.; Case Steel, 1*1/2* cents per lb.; A.M. subject to a reduction of 10 percent. Railroad, 50 cents per 100 lbs. Boiler and Plate, 1*1/2* cents per lb.

**PIG IRON—AMERICAN.**

Foundry No. 1. . . . . \$1 ton, \$35.00  
Foundry No. 2. . . . . 32.00 @ 33.00  
Gray Forge. . . . . 28.00 @ 31.00  
White and Mottled. . . . . SCOTCH.

Cottles. . . . . 39.00 @ 40.00  
Glenarnock. . . . . Irregular 38.00 @ 37.00

**Bar Iron.** Am. Reined, at mill. . . . . \$1 ton, \$12 @ \$3.00

Alema, gold. . . . . \$1 ton, \$4.00 @ \$5.00

American, at world currency. . . . . 53.00 @ 58.00

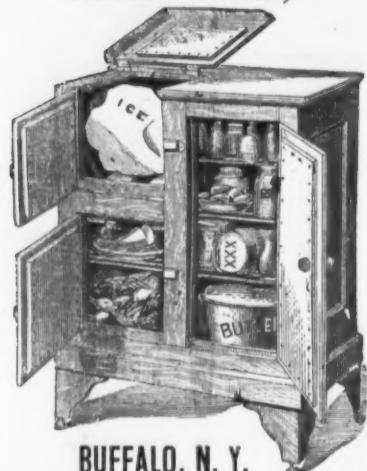
Old Raille, F., currency. . . . . 40.00 @ 41.00

**Scrap.** Wrought Scrap, from yard. . . . . 41.00 @ 42.50

**Bar Iron from Store.** Common Iron. . . . . \$1 to 2 in. round and square. . . . . \$1 ton, \$7.00  
3*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
4*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
5*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
6*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
7*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
8*1/2* in. . . . . " 7.50  
1*1/2* to 6 in. wide x *1/2* and 1*1/2* in. thick. . . . . 7.50  
1*1/2* to 6*1/2* in. wide x *1/2* and 5*1/2* in. thick. . . . . 7.50  
Swedish Iron. . . . . 17.00  
Sheathing Copper, ordinary sizes, 1*1/2* oz. per square foot. . . . . 35c. P.  
Brass Copper, ordinary sizes, 1*1/2* oz. and over. . . . . 4c. P.  
Braziers' Copper, ordinary sizes, 1*1/2* oz. and over. . . . . 4c. P.  
Copper, 4*1/2* oz. . . . . 16c.  
1*1/2* to 5*1/2* oz. . . . . 16c.  
1*1/2* to 6*1/2* oz. . . . . 16c.  
6*1/2* to 8*1/2* oz. . . . . 16c.  
1*1/2* to 2 in. round and square. . . . . 7.50  
1*1/2* to 6 in. wide x *1/2* to 1 thick. . . . . 7.50  
1*1/2* to 6*1/2* in. wide x *1/2* and 5*1/2* in. thick. . . . . 7.50  
Large Rounds. . . . . 8.00  
2*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. round and square. . . . . 8.00  
3*1/2* and 5*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
Rods—  
1*1/2* to 2*1/2* in. round and square. . . . . 8.00  
2*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
3*1/2* and 5*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
4*1/2* to 6*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
5*1/2* and 7*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
6*1/2* and 8*1/2* in. . . . . 8.00  
Band Iron. . . . . 9.50  
1*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. x 5*1/2* to 10.2. . . . . 9.50  
House Shoe Iron. . . . . 9.50 @ 10.50  
1*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. . . . . 10.50  
Ovals, Half Ovals and Half Rounds. . . . . \$1 ton, \$9.50  
1*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. . . . . 10.50  
and 11*1/2*. . . . . 10.50  
and 9*1/2*. . . . . 10.50  
7*1/2*. . . . . 10.50  
No. 10. . . . . 10.50  
Norway Shapes. . . . . \$1 ton, \$8.50 @ 9c.  
Norway Shapes. . . . . 1*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. x 5*1/2* to 10.5. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Norway Bar. . . . . *1/2* to 2 in. square. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Spring Steel. . . . . 1*1/2* to 3*1/2* in. wide. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Tire Steel. . . . . *1/2* to 1*1/2* in. and 5*1/2* to 6*1/2*. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Tin Scale Steel. . . . . *1/2* to 1*1/2* in. x 5*1/2* to 6*1/2*. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Pewter Steel. . . . . *1/2* to 1*1/2* in. x 5*1/2* to 6*1/2*. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Sheet Iron. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Sheet Iron. . . . . Common, R. G. English, 8c.  
Galvanized, 10 to 20, prime. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
" 21 to 24. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
" 25 to 26. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
" 27. . . . . 8.50 @ 9c.  
Patent Polished. . . . . 15 @ 16c.  
Russia. . . . . 8 to 11. . . . . 8c.  
" Nos. 12 to 14. . . . . 10c.  
Stained, No. 1. . . . . 17c.  
Belgian. . . . . 12c.  
One piece Corrugated Sheet Iron Elbows. . . . .  
CHARCOAL IRON. . . . . 6c.  
4*1/2* to 5. . . . . 4*1/2* to 5*1/2*. . . . . 6c.  
5*1/2* to 6. . . . . 5*1/2* to 6*1/2*. . . . . 6c.  
6*1/2* to 7. . . . . 6*1/2* to 7*1/2*. . . . . 6c.  
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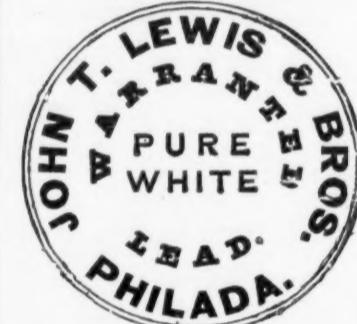
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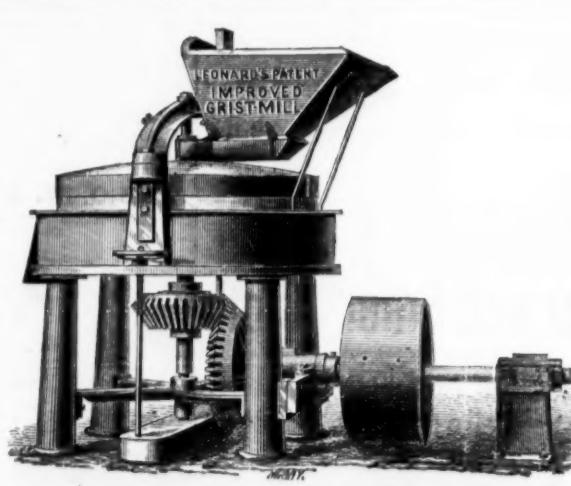
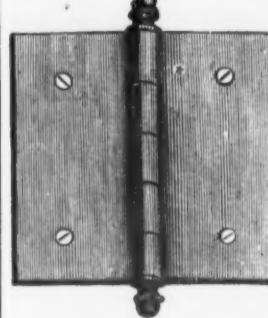
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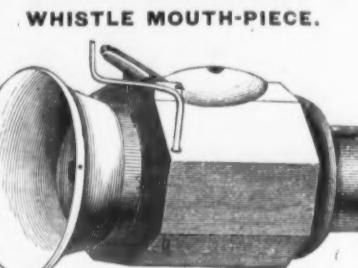
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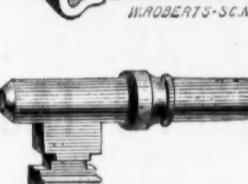
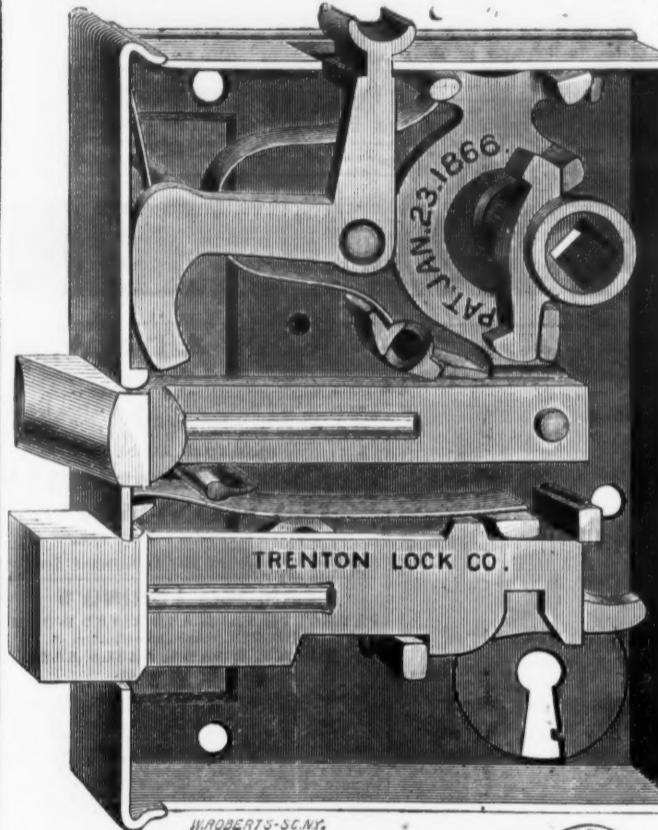
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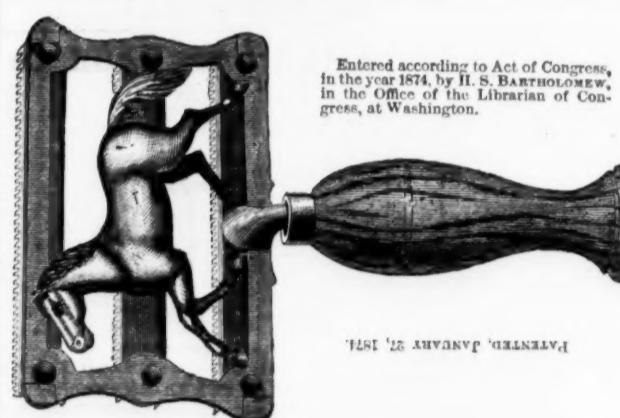
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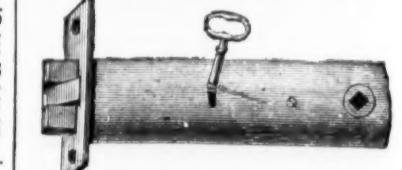
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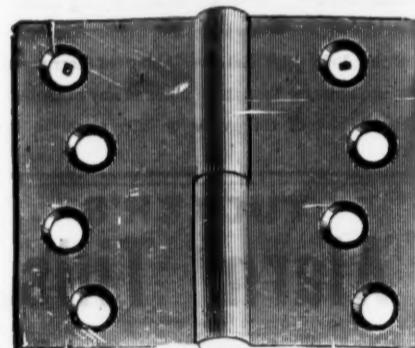
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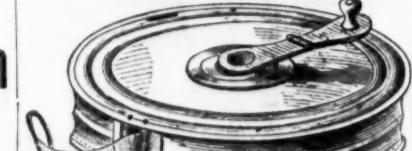
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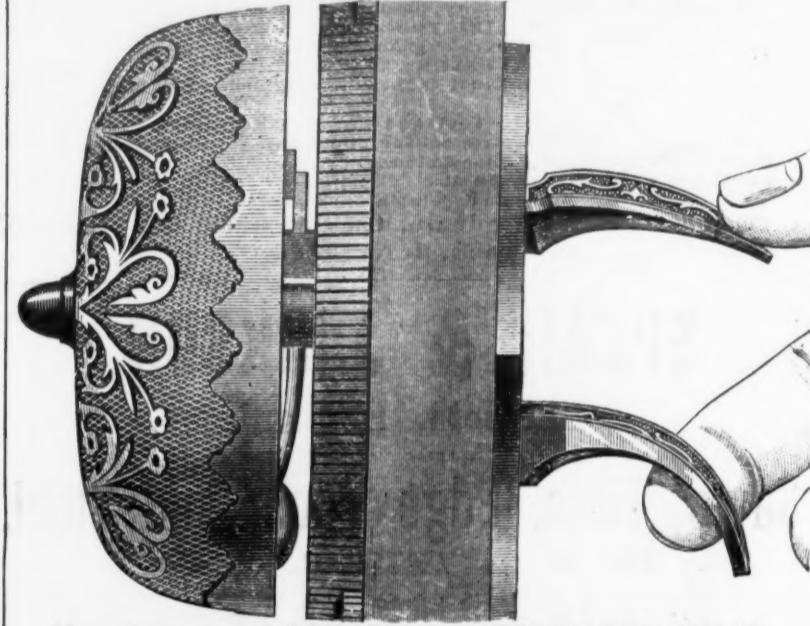
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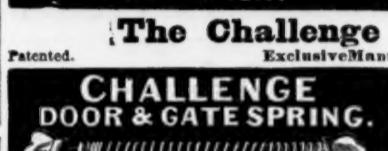
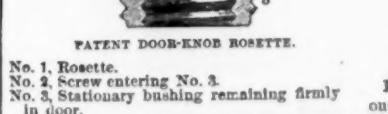
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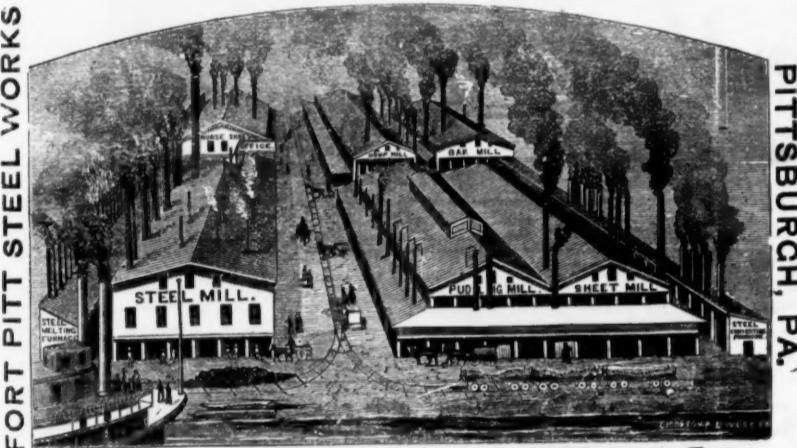
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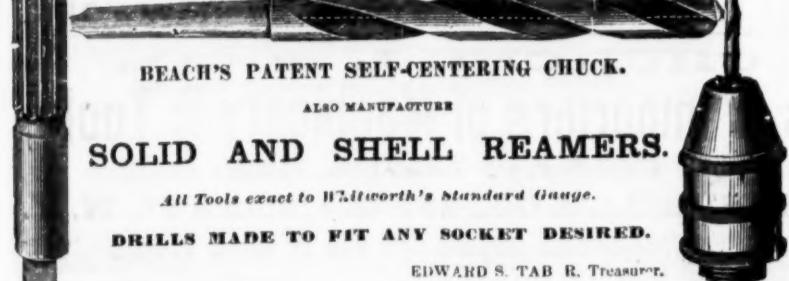
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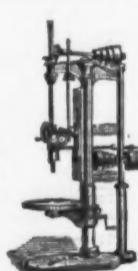
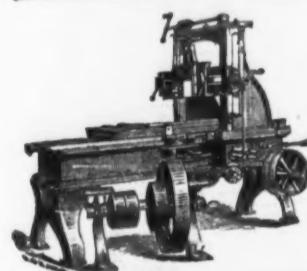
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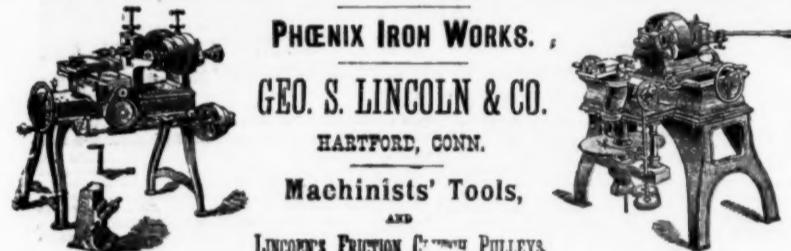
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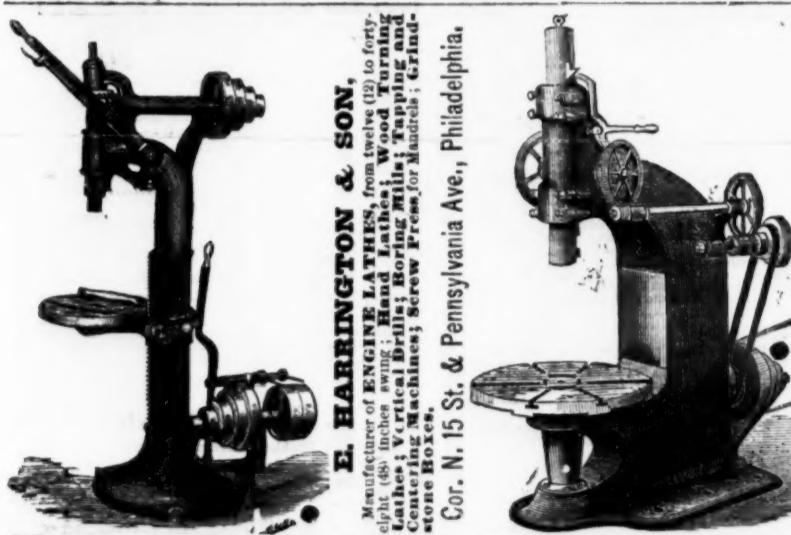
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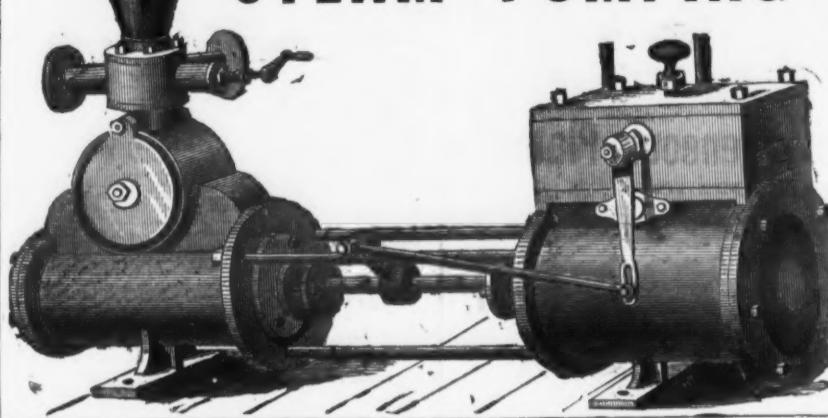
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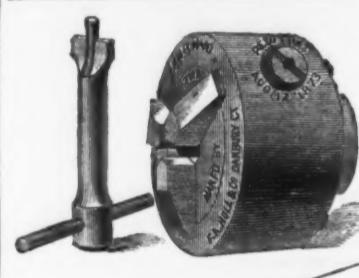
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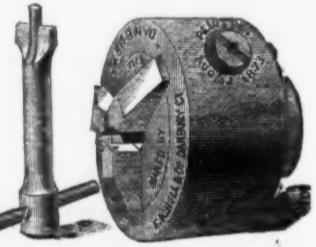
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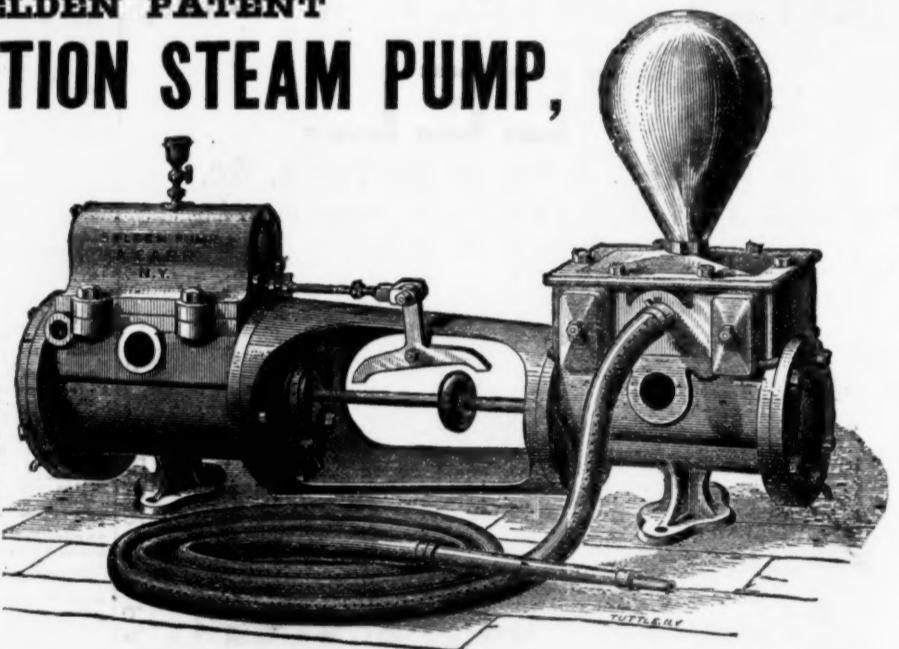
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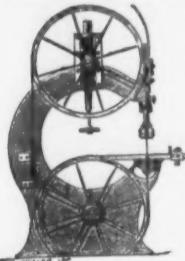
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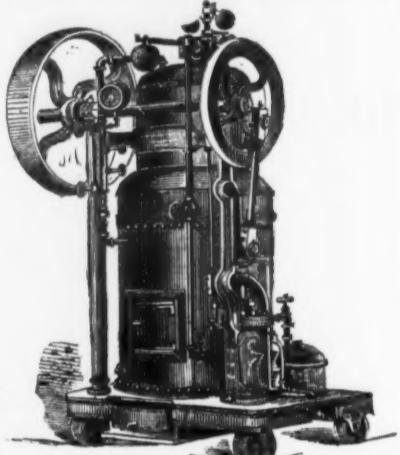
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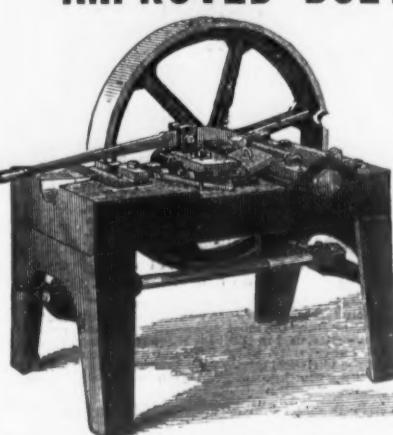
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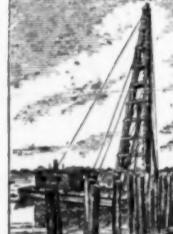
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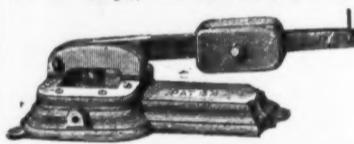
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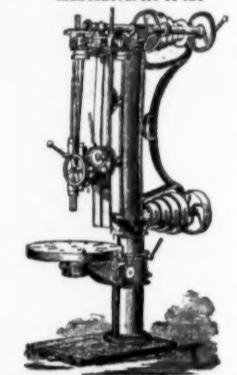
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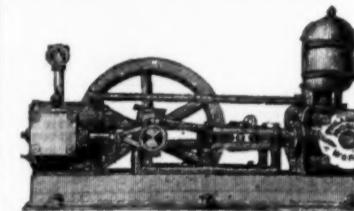
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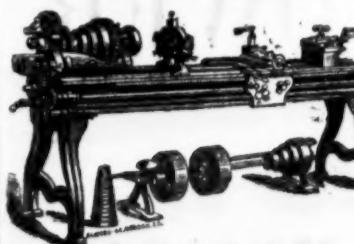
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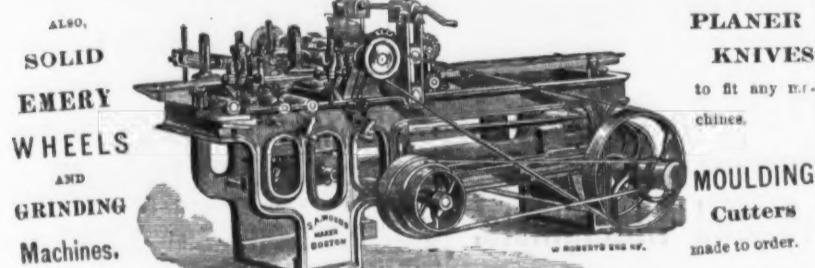
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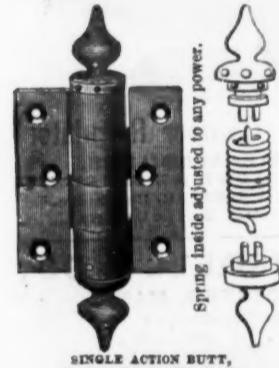
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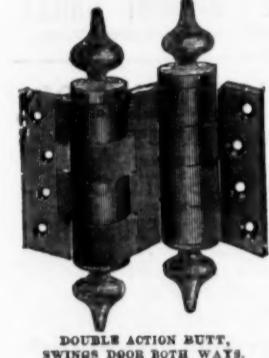
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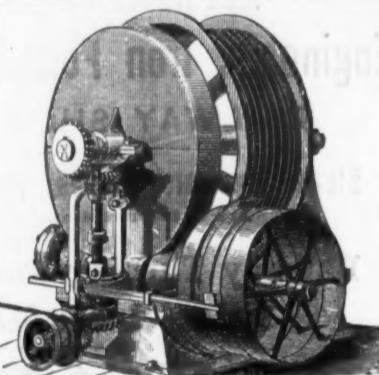
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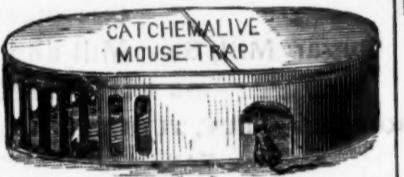
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